The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr. Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech:

SUBJECT: ACRS COMMENTS ON RESEARCH INTO CONTINUOUS CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE MONITORING

In some of our recent discussions, the concept of continuous containment leakage monitoring has resurfaced. We believe there may be merit in this concept for reducing the risk of exposure to the public and plant operators in severe accident situations.

We recommend an investigation of continuous containment leakage monitoring to see if it can be helpful in risk reduction and if it is cost beneficial.

Sincerely,

William Kerr Chairman

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