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Dear Ms. Harlowe:

This letter acknowledges the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) receipt of your Petition on behalf of the Ecology Center of Southern California dated March 8, 1989. Your Petition requests the NRC to fix or close all nuclear reactors designed by the General Electric Company (GE). As bases for this request, you allege that (1) in 1972, a member of the NRC staff recommended that GE-designed reactors be banned in the United States; (2) in 1975, GE engineers generated the "Reed Report" that detailed dozens of safety and economic problems with GE-designed reactors and that recommended that GE stop selling those reactors; (3) in 1986, an NRC official admitted that 24 GE reactors with Mark I containments had a 90 percent chance of failure in a nuclear accident; (4) in 1987, an NRC task force confirmed that Mark I containments were virtually certain to fail in an accident; (5) according to NRC safety studies, Mark II reactors have many possible scenarios for early containment failures; and (6) Mark II designs, on which the Reed Report focused, have dozens of safety and economic problems and have suffered massive cost overruns during construction as a result of design problems.

The NRC will review the Petition in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206, and I will issue a formal decision with regard to it within a reasonable time. A copy of the notice that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James H. Smezik" or similar, with a flourish at the end.

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
As stated

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