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Mr. Roy H. Beaton  
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Dear Mr. Beaton:

This is in response to your letter of May 31, 1979 regarding the length of time it has taken the NRC staff to review the geologic, seismic and structural issues associated with the ordered shutdown of the General Electric Test Reactor (GETR).

I agree that this period of time is significant and accordingly, requested that the staff provide a summary of the effort which has been placed on the subject review to date as well as the current schedule for completing the review and issuing a safety evaluation. The information provided to me by the staff is enclosed.

As you know an Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) has been assigned to rule on the issues of the Commission's Order of October 24, 1977. The ASLB's ruling may be subject to review by the Commission and therefore I have not reviewed the technical arguments surrounding the issues of the Order. Based on my evaluation of the information provided I am confident that the staff intends to complete its review as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
Joseph M. Hendrie

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