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Note to R. S. Boyd

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS IN 4/30/79  
MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR  
REGULATION

The enclosure reflects my notes of comments made by Senator Simpson during the subject meeting. They are not direct quotes but, I believe, reflect the flavor of subject areas that he believes need to be pursued.

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Enclosure:  
Suggestions by Senator  
Simpson in the 4/30/79  
Hearing

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Suggestions by Senator Simpson in the April 30, 1979 Hearing  
of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation

1. The training and licensing of reactor operators may not sufficiently stress emergency situations that could occur at nuclear power plants. The NRC should consider preparing criteria for the training, retraining and licensing of these persons that adequately cover this aspect.
2. The NRC should prepare criteria concerning the engineering backup force for dealing with emergency situations at a nuclear power plant. Each licensee should submit a plan concerning this aspect of the NRC evaluation.
3. It should be determined whether the regulatory program overstresses the most severe, highly-improbable accidents (i.e., DBAs) and under-emphasizes the less severe but much more probable accidents that may occur.
4. The NRC should accelerate the program for implementation of resident inspectors.
5. It appears that an increase in the amount of civil penalties is appropriate. In general, Senator Simpson is supportive of the NRC proposal in this regard except for the proposed elimination of review by Federal Courts.
6. The NRC should establish criteria for the licensing of nuclear power plant managers.

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7. NRC should require a direct communications link to the NRC from each power plant control room and specific individuals should be designated in each control room with the principal responsibility of manning this phone and forwarding information to NRC.
8. The NRC should conduct studies of systems for direct NRC monitoring of important parameters of nuclear power plant systems.
9. A comprehensive plan should be established to provide for prompt NRC response in the event of emergencies.
10. States which do not yet have acceptable emergency plans should be encouraged to have these in the very near future. This encouragement could be coupled with a cut-off date for compliance which provides that, in the event of noncompliance, no more licenses will be issued to facilities in that state.
11. There should be increased research on improvements in safety systems.
12. There should be more direct inspection of licensee activities by NRC personnel.

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