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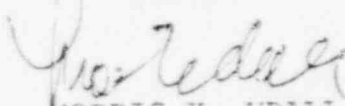
Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in regard to Mr. Demetrios Pasdekas' concerns about pressurized thermal shock that might occur following certain kinds of overcooling transients resulting from control system malfunctions.

I would appreciate the Commission's view of this problem, a brief description of actions now underway to ascertain its seriousness and a description of the nature of corrective actions that might be warranted. I would hope that your response would also indicate the extent to which NRC staff or contractors are involved in direct analysis of data and other information for the purpose of developing an assessment independent of that of the affected reactor vendors.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


MORRIS K. UDALL
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