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Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your April 27 mailing regarding the petitions of the Union of Concerned Scientists' (petition for Emergency and Remedial Action and a scheduled May 16 Commission meeting.

I have reviewed the material enclosed with your letter, and am convinced your Staff has very thoroughly supported the position that adequate fire protection and environmental qualification programs are in force. The Information Reports and other memoranda show that both the NRC and the nuclear industry are providing the country with the strongest measures against fire and environmental hazards at nuclear facilities.

I must remark that the UCS letter of March 7, and its enclosures, present nothing new or significant to this issue. Indeed, the variety of UCS "concerns" are developed and based on speculations, and petty inferences of NRC incompetence and lack of integrity.

The Commission and its Staff have conducted a thorough and exacting review of nuclear plant safety — the documents on the subject verify this fact. I urge you to quickly conclude this review, confirming that current nuclear plant fire protection and environmental qualification programs are adequate. Government agencies such as yours should devote their time and effort on matters of importance.



Very truly yours,

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