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The Director,
Office of Standards Development,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555 U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

FES and Supplement 1 (NUREG0060).

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of NUREG0060 and Supplement 1 to NUREG0060 with your letter of 27 July.

Some years ago arrangements were made for the control and safe use of nuclear-powered cardiac pacemakers in Australia; these appear to have operated satisfactorily, but few cardiac pacemakers have been used in Australia.

In view of our existing arrangements and the fact that Australian interest in using nuclear-powered cardiac pacemakers is declining it appears unlikely that Australian authorities will wish to review the existing arrangements for their safe use. The development of less expensive 'non-nuclear' cardiac pacemakers containing batteries of adequate life may well mean that nuclear-powered pacemakers will no longer be economically viable.

Yours faithfully,

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Head, Standards and
Compliance Section.

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