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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Ahearne
 (Signed) T. A. Rehm
 THROUGH: Lee V. Gossick, EDO
 FROM: Harold R. Denton, Director, NRR
 SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION PROGRAM

This is in response to your memorandum dated October 15, 1979, in which you requested comments on the ACRS suggestions for modifying the structure of the Systematic Evaluation Program.

Task IV.D.5 of the proposed TMI Action Plans currently under review by the Commission provides for the development of an improved program for the systematic evaluation of all currently operating plants, including the 11 plants currently under review. Assuming Commission approval of this task and the resources necessary to implement the program, the staff intends, as indicated in the attached letter to Dr. Plesset, to consider the ACRS suggestions in developing the improved program. The staff will also discuss the various options with the ACRS prior to seeking Commission approval of the improved comprehensive program.

Original Signed by
 H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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cc:
 Commissioner Gilinsky
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This is in response to your memorandum dated October 15, 1979, in which you requested our comments on the ACRS proposal to change the SEP.

We are presently developing a program to reevaluate all operating reactors that the staff feels will be most responsive to the concerns identified by the ACRS, Dr. Kemeny and Congress. As indicated in the attached letter to Dr. Carbon, we will discuss the various approaches with the ACRS as they are further developed, prior to seeking the Commission's approval. This plan will be developed well within the 120 day limit identified in the Bingham Amendment.

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