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DR. DONALD F. KNUTH
President

Mr. John F. Ahearne
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On March 26, 1980 the Commission received a briefing from its staff on "Policy Issues in the Emergency Planning Rule." At the conclusion of the briefing the staff suggested that the Commission might want to set aside some time to hear directly the concerns of State and local officials, utilities, and the general public on these issues. As you may recall, KMC's petition, on behalf of 17 utility owners/operators of nuclear plants, for separate rulemaking and a public hearing on the issue of the 15-minute public warning in the 10 mile EPZ was discussed from a procedural point of view at the March 26 meeting.

In light of the importance of the Emergency Planning rule-making, we urge the Commission to schedule the session suggested by the staff. KMC would appreciate being given the opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission on the problems apparent in the proposed requirement relating to the 15-minute warning. We understand that representatives of the Edison Electric Institute and the Atomic Industrial Forum have also requested the opportunity to make presentations at such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Knuth