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

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

At the March 26, 1980 meeting of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a member of the Commission Staff suggested that the NRC set aside a period of time to hear comments directly from utilities and others regarding proposed regulations on radiological emergency planning. On behalf of Duke Power Company, I would like to express our enthusiastic willingness to participate. I also express this interest on behalf of the Atomic Industrial Forum's Subcommittees on Emergency Planning and on behalf of the three utilities (i.e., Duke Power Company, Texas Utilities and Generating Company, and Washington Public Power Supply System) who recently filed a Petition for Rulemaking concerning emergency planning.

We are of the view that the development of clear concise emergency planning regulations is important to the effective regulation of the nuclear industry. Because an orderly promulgation of the regulations is necessary to meet this goal, we would particularly welcome the opportunity to express our concerns to, and more importantly, exchange ideas with, the members of the Commission.

Numerous state and local officials and other representatives of the utility industry have expressed considerable concern about the proposed rules. These concerns also should be addressed in the same forum. We believe that effective regulation will occur only if the Commission fully considers the views of the affected parties.

Because we understand that the Commission Staff intends to submit its final draft of the proposed rules for the Commission's consideration in the near future, we would respectfully request that the Commission provide us with an opportunity to present our concerns prior to that date. Such a discussion will allow the Commission time to consider our views and factor them into the Staff's final recommendations.

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I will endeavor to coordinate the industry position and will seek to have representatives present to discuss technical, legal and policy matters concerning emergency planning. I would appreciate working with your Staff to arrange this discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Owen".

W. H. Owen

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