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June 12, 1980

The Honorable John Ahearne
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Chairman Ahearne:

The AIF Policy Committee on Nuclear Regulation, which I chair, reviewed the current status of the Anticipated Transient Without Scram (ATWS) issue at its June 5, 1980 meeting. We have deep concern with the direction in which the Staff is proceeding.

In this regard, we call to your attention the enclosed May 27, 1980 letter from D. Clark Gibbs, Chairman of the AIF Committee on Reactor Licensing and Safety, to Harold Denton. We endorse the reasons for its disagreement with the proposed resolution of the ATWS issue contained in Volume 4 of NUREG-0460.

We request that you take the enclosed comments directly into account in your consideration of this issue. We also request that you urge the Staff to respond to these comments and to the May 20, 1980 comments submitted by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Finally, we request the opportunity to make a presentation before you on the day the Staff brings this issue to you for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Byron Lee Jr.".

Byron Lee, Jr., Chairman
AIF Policy Committee on Nuclear
Regulation

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cc: Commissioner Hendrie
Commissioner Bradford
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Gilinsky

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