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Dear Sir,

In response to your memo of May 21, 1979 I have reviewed the proposed Rev. 2 to Reg. Guide 1.8 and have the following comments:

1) The personnel selection and training program should be extended to include mandatory licensing for all members of the plant staff (up through plant superintendent who are part of the emergency response team and are responsible for directing emergency situations.

2) All technical support personnel should receive, as a minimum, Phase I & II training to acquaint them with basic reactor operating principles and specific details of their plant systems.

3) I recommend increasing the use of plant simulators for both training and qualification. I feel that an examination on a simulator, coupled with the traditional "plant walk-through", determines more reliably a licensee candidate's capabilities. Ideally, it would be better if everyone were examined on a simulator that exactly duplicates his particular plant, but this forces either 1) more simulators to be built, or 2) plants to

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The underlying theme of my comments is that the training and qualification standards must be upgraded and extended to encompass more of the plant staff, not only to enhance their capabilities, but to increase our credibility with a suspicious public. I'm sure that none of these comments is new or original to your staff, but I wanted to add my voice to those who are asking that qualifications for nuclear power plant personnel be upgraded.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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