



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Donald J. Skovholt, Assistant Director for Quality Assurance and Operations, DPM

FROM: Harold D. Thornburg, Director, Division of Reactor Construction Inspection, IE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR IE INPUT RELATIVE TO FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS STUDY

Your memorandum of November 2, 1978, requested IE input for the Commission relative to financial qualifications of the licensees.

We have surveyed the regions and have not identified any instance "in which a utility performed or authorized an action detrimental to public health and safety for the purpose of reducing expenditures." As noted in your memorandum, we are aware of instances where prudent fiscal management by utilities have been exercised however, we were unable to discern actions by utilities that meet the criteria set forth in your memorandum.

We would be happy to discuss this matter with you further if you so desire.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold D. Thornburg".

Harold D. Thornburg  
Director  
Division of Reactor  
Construction Inspection  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

Enclosures:

1. Memo, RFHeishman to GWReinmuth, dated 12/6/78
2. Memo, WEVetter to RFHeishman, dated 11/28/78
3. Memo, DThompson to RFHeishman, dated 11/29/78

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