



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

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Mr. Charles F. Scott
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Dear Mr. Scott:

This is in reply to your letter of December 5, 1979, about licensing of
of nuclear power plants.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to protect the public health
and safety. The Three Mile Island accident resulted in a need for changes in
the approach to safety. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has found that
actions recommended by its own staff and by the President's Commission on the
Accident at Three Mile Island in the areas of human factors, operational
safety, emergency planning, nuclear power plant design and siting, health
effects, and public information are necessary and feasible.

At this time we are preparing for review and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory
Commission an Action Plan that will specify the precise actions to be taken.
This Action Plan will include new or improved safety objectives, detailed
criteria for their implementation, and various implementation deadlines. Our
goal is to have approved NRC requirements available to all utilities shortly
after February 15, 1980.

It is recognized that there will be a significant effect on the availability
of power generating capacity if those plants now in the final stages of
construction do not receive operating licenses by the dates previously
anticipated, and every effort is being made to avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold R. Denton".

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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