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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
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Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: TWO-HUNDRED-THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
REACTOR SAFEGUARDS, JANUARY 10-12, 1980

Dear Dr. Ahearne:

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards held its 237th meeting in Washington, DC on January 10-12, 1980. Items considered at this meeting are summarized below:

The Committee met with members of the NRC Staff to discuss the proposed NRC action plan to implement the recommendations of the President's Commission and other studies on the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) accident. An initial report has been completed and provided to you; additional discussion with the NRC Staff is planned in the near future when the action plan has been developed further.

The Committee met with members of the NRC Staff to discuss available information regarding proposed implementation of NRC Bulletins and Orders resulting from the TMI-2 accident. Additional discussion is planned during the 238th ACRS meeting.

The Committee met with members of the NRC Staff to discuss the proposed revision of the NRC Criteria for Siting Nuclear Power Plants (NUREG-0625). Additional discussion of this matter is planned during the 238th ACRS meeting.

The Committee reacted favorably to your request for its participation and comments regarding rulemaking on radioactive waste storage and disposal although a problem with the proposed schedule was identified. Specific Committee comments have been provided in a separate letter to you.

The Committee developed comments in response to your request regarding methods to strengthen the ACRS' role. A copy of this response has been sent to you.

The Committee requested that the NRC Staff provide the ACRS with copies of user requests and other memoranda which identify safety research needs. A copy of this request to the EDO has been provided to you.

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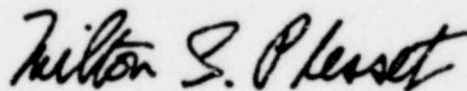
Since the last report of ACRS activities, the following subcommittee meetings have been held:

Power and Electrical Systems, in Washington, DC on December 13, 1979
Waste Management and Fuel Cycle, in Washington, DC on December 19, 1979
Site Evaluation, in Washington, DC on December 20, 1979
NRC Bulletins and Orders and ECCS, in Los Angeles, CA on January 3-4, 1980
NRC Action Plan, in Washington, DC on January 7, 1980
Babcock and Wilcox Water Reactors, in Washington, DC on January 8, 1980
Reactor Safety Research, in Washington, DC on January 9, 1980
Procedures, in Washington, DC on January 9, 1980.

The following items are tentatively scheduled for consideration during the 238th ACRS meeting, February 7-9, 1980:

Annual ACRS Report to Congress on the NRC Reactor Safety Research Program
Mark I Containment Acceptance Criteria
Review of Application for Restart of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1
Implementation of NRC Bulletins and Orders Resulting from the TMI-2 Accident
Proposed Revision of NRC Criteria for Siting Nuclear Power Plants (NUREG-0625)
Response to Representative M. K. Udall inquiry regarding equipment failure rates and Davis-Besse/Rancho Seco operating incidents.

Sincerely yours,



Milton S. Plesset
Chairman