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In re: NUREG-0662

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in responding to your letter of April 21, 1980. I have now had an opportunity to study the Draft N.R.C. Staff Report for Public Comment with Addenda 1 and 2 and recommend that the proposal contained in Addendum 2, ¶6.6 be adopted and implemented as soon as possible.

This proposal, as I understand it, will use the in-house purging system in conjunction with the hydrogen control subsystem to decontaminate the atmosphere of the building of Kr-85 so that access to the building can be had to remove damaged fuel.

It is my opinion that this method has the greatest advantages and the least disadvantages and a good worst case accident potential.

In addition, all other things being equal, I firmly believe that the process of decontamination and removal of the damaged fuel must proceed and delay is only increasing the psychological stress on the members of this community. The five (5) day period is, therefore, appealing.

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Fully realizing that no alternative will be acceptable to some, I would urge prompt and, I am sure, carefully considered action.

Very truly yours,

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