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The Honorable Joseph Hendrie
Commissioner
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555


Subject: BWR Training Conference

Dear Dr. Hendrie:

The Fourth annual all BWR Owners Training Conference is scheduled for September 14-17 in San Jose. The meeting is being hosted by General Electric and will include a tour of the GE test and training facilities. Since the subject of the conference is training with exchanges of ideas among utilities, participants largely are utility staff training coordinators or managers who are responsible for most of their company's nuclear training programs.

Each year the program includes a dinner speaker to cover a related topic of interest to the group. For example, in past years we have had an American Airlines pilot simulator training supervisor, the manager of training and recruitment for the MGM Grand Hotel in Reno and a former astronaut, William Pogue, to talk on associated training. This year, with the lessons of TMI behind us we feel that it would be a unique experience for the conferees to hear from you as an NRC Commissioner. Your recent program of gaining more intimate operations knowledge by visiting various simulators and the impressions you have gained, could provide a topic of direct interest to the conferees and also a bridge to other regulatory matters you feel would be appropriate for this audience. Please accept GE's invitation to give such a talk on September 17, 1980. This would also present an opportunity for you to visit the GE facilities to update you on current activities.

Sincerely,


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