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REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Harold Etherington
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Etherington:

Subject: NRC Action Plans Developed as a Result
of the TMI-2 Accident

The schedule for execution of the NRC Action Plan was developed based on establishment of priorities and NRC resource limitations. Within these constraints it represents a good plan but of necessity many items have been reprogrammed for future resolution.

A solution to earlier resolution of the deferred items would be to consider a backup support to the NRC by DOE. The Division of Nuclear Power Development, DOE, with its supporting contractors can provide this backup to NRC. DOE is planning to increase its LWR Safety Program budget by \$4.5 million in FY 81 (as compared to FY 80). The DOE supported work and NRC work should be coordinated and the programs should be complimentary to each other.

The ACRS subcommittee review of the NRC Action Plan to date has focused on the plan itself. The next phase should consider agency interaction to insure an optimal U.S. LWR safety program. Perhaps this phase should be undertaken by the President's newly appointed Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

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