

March 20, 1991

Mr. William H. Rasin  
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Sincerely,

Original signed by J. E. Richardson  
for William T. Russell, Associate Director  
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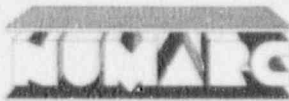
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January 7, 1991

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SUBJECT: NUMARC 90-14, Summary of the NUMARC Initiative to Address  
Substandard Non-Safety-Related Molded Case Circuit Breakers

Dear Mr. Russell:

This letter transmits to you, for information, the subject NUMARC report that contains an assessment of industry actions to identify and segregate suspect molded case circuit breakers (MCCBs) in service or inventory designated for safety-related applications. The enclosed report also includes our summary assessment of NRC Bulletin 88-10, "Nonconforming MCCBs." Copies of this report have been distributed to all NUMARC Members and Participants.

We conclude in the report that concerns regarding substandard MCCBs have been comprehensively resolved through industry actions in response to Bulletin 88-10 and the NUMARC MCCB Initiative that was approved at the November 17, 1988, Board of Directors meeting. Accordingly, we believe the industry actions provide a reasonable basis for closure of this issue.

We will be happy to meet with you and your staff at your convenience to discuss this report and its conclusions. Please contact me directly or Alex Marion of the NUMARC staff to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Rasin", is written over a light-colored background.

William H. Rasin  
Director, Technical Division

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cc: Frank Miraglia, NRR