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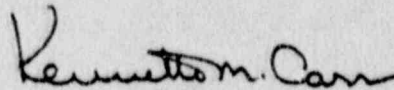
Dear Dr. Kadak:

Thank you for your letter of August 11, 1989, supporting license renewal for nuclear power plants as a priority activity at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The Commission agrees that the licensing process should be straightforward and focused while also specifying the issues subject to review. Since the mid-1980s, the NRC staff has devoted substantial time and resources to identify and evaluate the complex technical, policy, and legal issues raised by license renewal.

I particularly appreciate your willingness to assist in the development of a sound licensing process for license renewal. As you know, the staff has arranged for a public workshop to be held in November of this year to obtain public comments on the regulatory philosophy and substantive technical issues involved in the license renewal rulemaking, on an appropriate schedule for developing the final rule, and on alternatives addressing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues. You could be of considerable assistance to us by providing us with your views and the benefit of your experience at that meeting.

I want to assure you that the NRC will continue to give priority attention to the development of a sound licensing process for license renewals.

Sincerely,


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