



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

OCT 11 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koppelman
9478 Maera Court
Columbia, Maryland 21045

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Koppelman:

I am responding to your letter of July 31, 1989, to Senator Mikulski, which she sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for consideration.

One of the statutory missions of the NRC is to ensure that commercial nuclear power plants are operated in such a manner that the health and safety of the public are adequately protected. While pursuing this mission, the NRC became concerned about the declining performance of Calvert Cliffs. However, let me assure you that at no time did this decline in performance present any hazard which threatened the adequate protection of the health or safety of the public.

As a result of this declining performance, the NRC classified Calvert Cliffs as a facility having weaknesses that warranted increased attention. This classification resulted in the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's (BG&E's) submission of a preliminary Performance Improvement Plan to the NRC on April 17, 1989, which was developed to identify the root causes of the facility's declining performance and to specify the actions that would be taken to improve its performance. In addition, BG&E submitted a detailed implementation program for this plan on July 31, 1989, which provided an in-depth analysis of the actions and resources required to achieve improved plant performance. Finally, the NRC established a panel consisting of senior NRC personnel to evaluate BG&E's performance improvement efforts as outlined in the plan.

Until the Performance Improvement Plan is fully implemented, BG&E has agreed to take corrective actions for equipment problems and for the weaknesses identified in (1) the control of system status, (2) the control of work activities, and (3) procedural control and compliance at Calvert Cliffs before restarting either unit. On May 25, 1989, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter reiterating the plant deficiencies to be corrected and indicating to BG&E that NRC concurrence with the corrective actions taken is required before either unit will be permitted to restart.

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Since Calvert Cliffs was classified as warranting increased attention, the NRC has increased its overall inspection coverage at the facility. This level of inspection activity will continue and will include verification of the adequacy of BG&E's actions to correct identified weaknesses before either plant is restarted.

I hope that these comments are responsive to your concerns. The NRC staff will continue to remain most willing to discuss the status of Calvert Cliffs and any concerns that you may have about this facility.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
James H. Sniezek



Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski

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ENCLOSES LETTER FROM MRS. RONNIE KOPPELMAN
CONCERNING SAFETY HAZARDS AT CALVERT CLIFFS
NUCLEAR PLANT

Russell, RI

DATE: 10/03/89

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