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The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During NRC's FY 1981 budget presentations to Congress, we had indicated that NRC was in the process of completing an agency-wide assessment of the TMI-2 accident and was preparing the TMI-2 Action Plan to address the issues identified during this assessment. Further, we indicated that implementation of the Action Plan would cause a redirection of the FY 1980 budget that was approved by Congress. In some cases, the resources for the redirected efforts will necessitate reprogrammings that require prior Congressional approval under the Appropriations Committees' reprogramming procedures for NRC. The purpose of this letter is to request your approval of these reprogramming actions.

The preparation of the TMI Action Plan evolved through intensive staff review and interaction with the Commission. The Plan also incorporates comments from the ACRS. While the TMI-2 Action Plan now reflects how the Commission currently plans to respond to the many recommendations and issues surfaced by investigations of the TMI-2 accident, we expect that specific details regarding implementation of some tasks will change as we learn more during the implementation phase. We will provide your Committee with copies of the complete Action Plan under separate cover.

Enclosure 1 provides a listing of all the TMI-2 Action Plan tasks, the responsible offices, and initiation schedules that have been approved by the Commission. Enclosure 2 summarizes, by NRC program office and decision unit, the resources required in FY 1980 during the period April 1 through September 30, 1980, for implementation of the Action Plan. It also shows the resources available that can be redirected within Congressional reprogramming limitations, and those resources which require prior Congressional approval for reprogramming. As indicated in Enclosure 2, NRC will be able to accomplish most of the necessary redirection of FY 1980 resources without exceeding Congressional reprogramming limitations. There are some exceptions for a limited number of decision units in the NRR and I&E programs. Since most of the reprogramming actions requiring Congressional approval are as a result of the implementation in the NRR program of those tasks referred to as Near Term Operating License conditions, brief explanations of these tasks are provided in Enclosure 3.

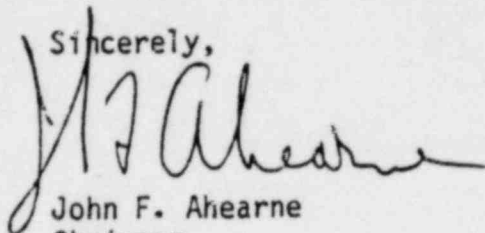
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Therefore, in accordance with Congressional reprogramming procedures, we are providing your Committee with proposed revisions to our base table (Enclosure 4) with accompanying explanations. In order to implement the high priority efforts identified in the TMI Action Plan, we would appreciate your early consideration of these proposed reprogrammings.

Sincerely,



John F. Ahearne
Chairman

Enclosures:

1. Priorities and Status of Items
In TMI-2 Action Plan
2. TMI Action Plan Reprogramming
Analysis
3. Near Term Operating License Tasks
4. FY 1980 Base Table

cc w/enclosures:

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield