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Reference - Letter, William J Cahill (Chairman, Safety and Analysis Task Force)
to Harold Denton (NRC), NUREG-0578, Item 2.1.2, Safety & Relief
Valve Testing Program, December 17, 1979

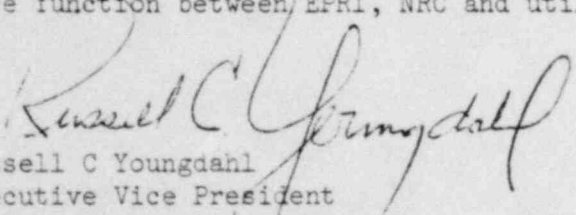
In December, 1979, a generic program plan for addressing NUREG-0578, requirement 2.1.2 for all domestic PWRs was submitted for NRC review (reference). This plan was developed by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) with input and support from utilities, NSSS vendors, and various consultants.

During the interceding months, the program has proceeded in a timely manner and achieved a significantly higher level of definition. The attached updated program plan is submitted to provide a more detailed description of the program, as it has evolved to date.

Although the key features of the program have been defined, many details have yet to be resolved and, therefore, this submittal should not be considered final. For example, the relative level of testing to be performed at each facility may require some revision to ensure completion within the required time frame.

We look forward to discussions with you and your staff regarding the content of the attached program. It is expected that following such interaction, a final version of the program plan will be submitted.

As Chairman of the EPRI Research Advisory Committee, I have been asked to assume Mr William J Cahill, Jr's function of overseeing the development and implementation of the EPRI Safety/Relief Valve Testing Program for PWRs and providing the interface with the NRC regarding this program. David P Hoffman, Consumers Power Company (517-788-1636), who is Chairman of an EPRI Safety and Analysis Task Force Safety/Relief Valve Subcommittee, will continue to provide the principle interface function between EPRI, NRC and utilities.


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