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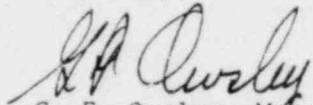
Dear Mr. Check :

In your letter dated June 26, 1980, you requested that we advise you prior to August 1, 1980, of our confirmation of the acceptability of your proposed approach for performing the analysis of the LOFT L3-6 experiment and of information we would intend to submit prior to performance of the test. By this letter, we are advising you that ENC does not plan to participate in the pretest prediction of the LOFT L3-6 experiment, since it is our understanding that the reasons for the pretest prediction do not apply to the licensing work which would be performed by Exxon Nuclear.

In the letter on this subject from Dr. Ross to me dated April 15, 1980, it was stated that pretest predictions of some small break tests would be necessary for your resolution of NSSS vendor analysis model uncertainties. However, Dr. Ross's letter made clear that this requirement was applicable to those NSSS vendor analysis models used to predict the consequences of alternate procedural actions following a small break loss-of-coolant accident. Such analyses have been performed through the efforts of NSSS owners' groups and have not included ENC involvement.

ENC will continue to provide ECCS analyses to its reload fuel customers to show compliance with the acceptance criteria as specified in 10CFR50.46. Please contact me if you have questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


G. F. Owsley, Manager
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