

Docket Nos. 50-329 ✓  
and 50-330

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Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Riegle:

This is in reply to your letter dated October 26, 1971, concerning the AEC construction permit proceeding for the proposed Midland nuclear power plant.

The current status of the Midland proceeding is described in the enclosed copy of a letter dated September 22, 1971, from AEC regulatory staff counsel to Mrs. Mary Sinclair of Midland, Michigan. (As you may be aware, the text of this letter was printed in the September 28 edition of the Midland Daily News as an appendix to a letter to the editor by Mrs. Sinclair.) The letter to Mrs. Sinclair identifies the issue of emergency core cooling system effectiveness and questions arising under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as the principal pending matters in the Midland proceeding.

As additional background on the matter of emergency core cooling system effectiveness, we are enclosing copies of the Commission's interim acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems and the AEC press release announcing the adoption of these criteria.

With respect to matters arising under NEPA, we are enclosing copies of the following for your ready reference: (1) the Calvert Cliffs decision; (2) the Commission's rules implementing NEPA and taking into account the Calvert Cliffs decision, Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50; and (3) the Commission's press release announcing the adoption of the rules referred to in item (2).

We would also call your attention to the "Schedule of Further Proceedings" set forth in Part 1 of the providing Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's order of August 26, 1971, a copy of which is enclosed. It should be noted that intervenors opposing the issuance of construction permits have objected to, and are seeking reconsideration of, several elements of this schedule.

In addition, we are enclosing a chronology of significant events relating to the Midland proceeding.

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We cannot usefully speculate as to the date on which hearings may resume in this proceeding; however, please be assured that the AEC regulatory staff intends to proceed as expeditiously as possible with its reevaluation of emergency core cooling system effectiveness and the preparation of draft and final detailed environmental statements for the proposed Midland plant.

Sincerely,

(signed) L. Manning Muntzing

L. Manning Muntzing  
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Ltr to Mrs. Mary Sinclair  
fm regulatory staff dtd 9/22/71
2. Commission's interim acceptance  
criteria for ECCS
3. AEC Press Release re enclosure 2.
4. Calvert Cliffs decision
5. Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50
6. Press Release re adoption of  
rules in Appendix D
7. Atomic Safety and Licensing  
Board order dtd 8/26/71
8. Chronology

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Remarks:

Ltr to Rep. Donald Riegle, Jr. replying to ltr of Oct. 26, 1971, concerning the AEC construction permit proceeding for the proposed Midland nuclear power plant

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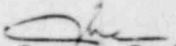
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May we have your advice on filing the attached letter in the Public Document Room?

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