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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 20, 1989

The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Carr:

You have recently indicated that you have an interest in receiving examples of NRC employees inventing or imposing new requirements that are not part of the legitimately constituted body of regulations.

We share your concern in this area and feel that the attached letter is such an example.

Sincerely,

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Forrest J. Remick
Chairman

Attachment:

Letter (without enclosures) dated September 11, 1989 to W. F. Conway, Executive Vice President, Nuclear, Arizona Nuclear Power Project, from J. B. Martin, Regional Administrator, NRC, Region V, Subject: Report of Meeting with ANPP Management

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Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529 and 50-530

Arizona Nuclear Power Project
P. O. Box 52034
Phoenix, Arizona 85072-2034

Attention: W. F. Conway
Executive Vice President, Nuclear

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MEETING WITH ANPP MANAGEMENT

This refers to a meeting held with yourself, and members of your staff and myself, and other members of the NRC staff, at the Arizona Public Service Company Offices in Phoenix, Arizona on September 1, 1989. The subjects discussed are summarized in Meeting Report Nos. 50-528/89-42, 50-529/89-42, and 50-530/89-42, enclosed herewith.

During our meeting, I expressed to you my extreme concern regarding the failure of ANPP managers to devote any significant amount of time to the observation of activities in important areas of the plant. My frustration is heightened due to the fact that this issue has been previously raised at past management meetings with your staff. Furthermore, the relatively large number of ANPP managers who are new to Palo Verde would seem to require an increased effort on their part to get out in the plant and learn first hand about the facility and the staff. As I stated to you during the meeting, I consider the failure of the ANPP management team to spend time in the plant to be a major oversight in your efforts to implement positive changes at Palo Verde. I strongly recommend that you act in this area promptly and thoroughly.

In discussing the Unit 2 Main Feedwater System overpressurization event, and the event wherein an operator at Unit 2 failed to properly flash the main generator field, we identified to you that your staff had not exhibited the appropriate instincts when problems arise. You should continue to reinforce to your staff the basic principles you stated at our June 5 meeting of stopping in the face of uncertainty and reacting conservatively when faced with questionable situations.

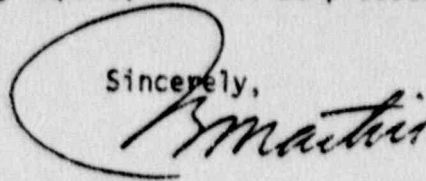
Regarding your efforts to review long standing concerns, your actions as outlined in our meeting appear appropriate. We again reiterate the need to perform this review thoroughly, particularly in light of the backlogs of various open issues.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning our minutes of the meeting, documented in the enclosed meeting report, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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J. B. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Report Nos. 50-528/89-42, 50-529/89-42, 50-530/89-42
2. ANPP Presentation Package

cc w/enclosures:

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