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ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Branch

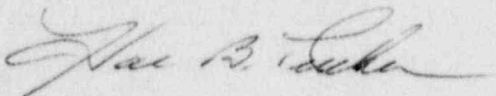
Subject: Draft Regulatory Guide  
Maintenance Program for Nuclear Power Plants  
Task DG-1001  
Duke Power Company Comments

Dear Mr. Chilk:

In the Federal Register (54FR33980) dated August 17, 1989, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested comments on a draft regulatory guide that would provide guidance to nuclear reactor licensees and applicants on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for planning, conducting, and assessing the effectiveness of nuclear power plant maintenance programs to prevent the degradation or failure of, and to promptly restore the intended function of, structures, systems, and components that can significantly affect safety or security.

Duke Power has participated in the NUMARC industry wide effort to develop meaningful comments and encourage your consideration of those comments. We believe that it will become evident through the continued monitoring of plant maintenance programs by NRC that the improved level of performance in maintenance is materializing. We do not believe that a Rule or Regulatory Guide will be necessary.

Very truly yours,



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