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Mr. David Beatty
4832 Adams
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205

Dear Mr. Beatty:

In your letter of July 15, 1980, you indicated the benefits of nuclear power to the country and you wanted to know the reasons for the licensing delays of new nuclear plants.

The accident at Three Mile Island has delayed the licensing activities at the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This accident demonstrated that some improvements in plant safety were needed and required a pause in the issuance of licenses to assure that all necessary improvements and modifications were made. The NRC additional requirements placed on all plants including new plants seeking an operating license are summarized in the enclosed copy of NUREG-0694, published in June 1980.

For your information, licensing activities of new nuclear plants are proceeding. In fact, the NRC has recently issued low power operating licenses for three new power plants (North Anna 2, Sequoyah 1 and Salem 2). The NRC currently is considering issuing full power licenses for these three plants and is reviewing many other new plants for licensing purposes.

Thank you for expressing your interest in nuclear power.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
E. G. Case
Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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NUREG-0694

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