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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Member, United States
House of Representatives
U.S. Post Office
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Dear Congressman Hamilton:

I am pleased to respond to your memorandum regarding a Federal Training Facility dated August 22, 1980. My reply is addressed to the training of nuclear power plant personnel.

The NRC issues regulations and Regulatory Guides that set forth criteria and provide guidance to utilities regarding qualifications for and training of nuclear power plant personnel. The utilities are responsible for providing the necessary training to assure their personnel meet our requirements. As part of our review of a utility's application to operate a nuclear power plant, we assure that the training programs meet our requirements.

In most cases, utilities utilize central training centers operated by the reactor vendors. We are presently studying ways to improve the training of nuclear power plant personnel. Toward this end, we are planning to establish accreditation procedures and criteria for these training centers. However, based on our studies to date, we do not intend to establish Federal Training Facilities.

Please advise me if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) E. Kevin Cornell

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