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ATTN: Pending Construction Permit (CP) Applications

Gentlemen:

Your announcement of 9-25-80 and published by the Atomic Energy Clearinghouse on 10-13-80, in Vol. 26, No. 41, pages 54-55, discuss three options for resuming the issuance of CPs.

I highly recommend that option #1 be implemented for CP application currently on file, and then backfit the requirements of NUREG 0660, as has been done with the OL applicants and operation plants. This allows the industry to get on with the business of building power plants to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

As a parallel effect, create a NRC task force to implement options 3 or 2 at later dates, depending on results of rule making processes. Again, this would allow the construction of needed power plants, but at the appropriate future date, feedback in the PSARs the requirements of NUREG 0660 and other subsequent requirements.

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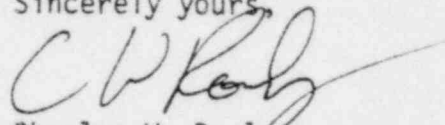
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I think the hazard that the NRC is somewhat close to, is to delay the licensing of nuclear power plants so long to forestall a future nuclear power plant construction program altogether, (which some would say is great since that is 100% safe)! I personally do not think that our country can afford the 100% safe approach, and we must accept some small risk. Let the argument of how small that risk should be, range in parallel with wise as a prerequisite to the construction and operation of our nation's future electrical generation capability.

Sincerely yours,



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