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Mr. & Mrs. M. Bollag
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bollag:

Your letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, received on October 15, 1980, has been referred to me for response.

Your letter requests that the hearing regarding the McGuire facility be reopened to consider problems associated with a Three Mile Island Unit 2 type of accident. You had reference to the matters discussed in a study of June 26, 1980, i.e., SECY-80-107B, "Proposed Interim Hydrogen Control Requirements for Small Containments."

We believe the study you refer to is dated June 20, 1980. We are forwarding a copy to you with this letter. In addition, I have enclosed copies of Commission materials which address your concerns, i.e., "Proposed Interim Hydrogen Control Requirements for Small Containments" SECY-80-107 (February 22, 1980); and "Additional Information Re: Proposed Interim Hydrogen Control Requirements," SECY-80-107-A (April 22, 1980). I have also enclosed a copy of "Further Commission Guidance for Power Reactor Operating Licenses, Statement of Policy," (45 Fed. Reg. 41738; June 20, 1980). ("Policy Statement").

As explained in the Policy Statement with respect to TMI-2 issues:

"the Commission believes that where the time for filing contentions has expired in a given case, no new TMI-related contentions should be accepted absent a showing of good cause and balancing of the factors in 10 C.F.R. 2.714(a)(1). The Commission expects strict adherence to its regulations in this regard."

On August 15, 1980, CESG, the Intervenor in this proceeding, filed a motion to reopen the McGuire proceedings with respect to matters involving hydrogen generation and the potential for breach of containment. CESG's concerns are similar to yours. On November 25, 1980, the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued an Order (copy enclosed) which reopened the McGuire operating proceeding. Issues to be considered include hydrogen generation and containment breach, which was discussed in SECY-80-107.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice contained in 10 C.F.R. Part 2, for your use in the event you desire to formally petition to intervene in the proceeding before the Licensing Board, and request

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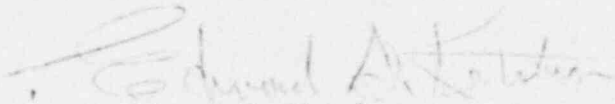
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a hearing. These procedures also explain the "good cause" showing requirement and the other criteria that must be met before a late petition to intervene will be granted. I recommend that you also read Appendix A to 10 C.F.R. Part 2 for a general understanding of the practice and procedure governing Commission proceedings.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact the undersigned at (301) 492-7502.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: As stated

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