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SUBJECT: LONG RANGE RESEARCH PLAN - FY 1983-1987

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Long Range Research Plan (LRRP) for fiscal years 1983 through 1987 (NUREG-0740). This is the NRC's first published research plan of this type. It was developed by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research with recommendations from other NRC offices on their current or perceived future research needs, and also reflects limited input from others outside the NRC staff, in particular the ACRS. The plan will be updated at least annually as tasks are completed and new requirements and guidance are provided by the Commission.

The purpose of the Long Range Research Plan is to provide a document to aid the Commission in overall program planning and in identifying broad program directions. The LRRP is a 5-year planning document that identifies regulatory issues and lays out programmatic approaches for research to be done as part of the process to resolve these issues. It should not be seen as the vehicle for the detailed program planning which is done in the normal budget cycle.

We welcome any comments you may have about the need for and content of programs now included in the plan or the absence of programs which you think should be included. Please send comments to Mr. Philip Ting, Chief, Program and Administrative Services Branch, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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