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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Atomic Industrial Forum Position Paper entitled,  
"A Proposed Approach to the Establishment and  
Use of Quantitative Safety Goals in the Nuclear  
Regulatory Process" - May, 1981

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

The Committee on Reactor Licensing and Safety of the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF) recently completed a position paper entitled, "A Proposed Approach to the Establishment and Use of Quantitative Safety Goals in the Nuclear Regulatory Process." A copy of this paper was transmitted to you by Francis M. Staszsky, Chairman of the AIF on May 15, 1981. We endorse this position paper and agree with the AIF view that it "represents an acceptable approach to the protection of the public health and safety."

We also share AIF's concern that the NRC's current efforts do not meet the objective of establishing quantitative goals in a timely manner, for use in licensing decision making. Formally adopted safety goals would be quite useful for resolution of several pending rulemakings (notably degraded core rulemaking) and to aid in determining the safety significance of plant changes and backfits. Thus, we believe that the NRC should expeditiously consider adopting deterministic safety goals consistent with the AIF's proposed approach. In so doing, the NRC will have taken a significant step toward improving licensing stability while at the same time assuring adequate nuclear safety.

Sincerely,

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