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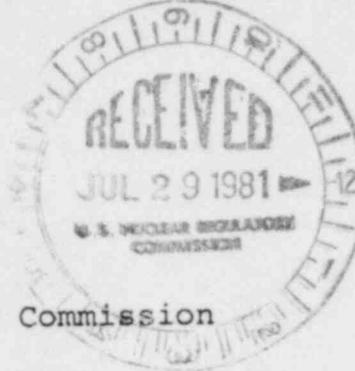
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The Honorable Joseph Hendrie  
 Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Congressman Panetta has brought to my attention allegations that cable installed at the Brunswick nuclear generating station does not comply with NRC requirements. The allegations were made by Mr. Fred A. Slutterback, a former employee of the cable manufacturer, Raychem Corporation. Mr. Slutterback has informed Mr. Panetta that he believes the NRC has not satisfactorily explained the failure to take steps necessary to insure that cables installed at NRC licensed facilities are in fact in compliance with the Commission's regulations.

While I recognize that a full inquiry may reveal that there is no need for concern, Mr. Slutterback has made serious allegations which in my view have not been addressed adequately by the NRC or GAO. I am particularly struck by the GAO finding that, "... the Commission's handling of the investigation was extremely poor," and by the GAO's own apparent failure to make an independent determination as to whether cables installed at Brunswick would be likely to perform satisfactorily under all conditions that they might be expected to experience.

I believe, therefore, that the Commission should undertake to determine in detail the basis for the NRC staff's conclusion that the Flamtrol cable, installed at Brunswick and other licensed nuclear power plants, complies with the Commission's requirements.

Sincerely,

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