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Dear Sir:

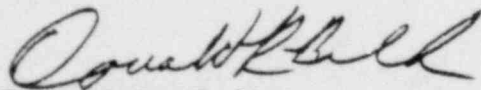
I have been following the licensing proceedings for the Wm. P. McGuire Nuclear Station for some time now, and I was pleased to learn the licensing hearings are being reopened regarding the hydrogen containment controversy. This is an excellent step. The McGuire plant is unique in that public comment has been considered a significant factor from its beginning stages, and as a result, the general public in the vicinity have become as aware as any populace in the country regarding the impact of nuclear energy as a close neighbor. However, there is one major point I feel needs to be addressed by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board before these hearings begin.

Duke Power Company should be required to draft an Environmental Impact Statement for a Class Nine Accident. An EIS is essential in the case of McGuire, in view of the hydrogen containment issue, and more importantly, as a tool for local governmental bodies to implement thorough evacuation procedures.

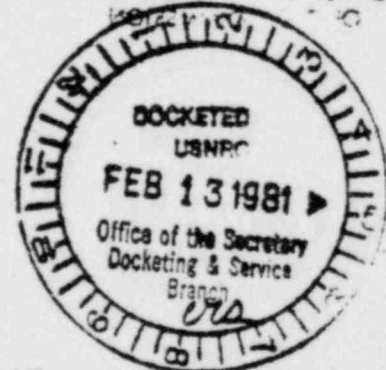
I am aware that the Virgil C. Sumner Nuclear Station in South Carolina was required to submit an EIS for a Class Nine accident, and officials in the vicinity were invited to comment on the document. Surely the same considerations apply in the case of the McGuire Nuclear Station.

I trust you share the belief that requirement of an EIS for a Class Nine accident would be in the best interests of Duke Power and the citizens they serve. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,


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