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Mr. Harold R. Denton
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Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter is to follow up on your letter of October 28, 1981, to me regarding nuclear power plant operator qualifications and examinations.

You stated that a decision regarding the rulemaking on operator qualifications would depend on the Peer Panel recommendations and subsequent Commission consideration. Mr. H. B. Tucker, Chairman of our Subcommittee on Operations and Maintenance, and Mr. E. L. Thomas of INPO consulted with the Peer Panel last December and provided industry views. I understand that the Peer Panel report has been delivered to the NRC. We would like an opportunity to review the report and offer comments as appropriate, or if the Peer Panel is asked to meet with the NRC Commissioners, that representatives of our AIF committee have an opportunity to participate in the discussion. At this same meeting we would like to give a status report on industry activities and provide any further input on the matter of operator qualifications. If a joint meeting is not considered appropriate we would like to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners to provide a status report on industry activities.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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