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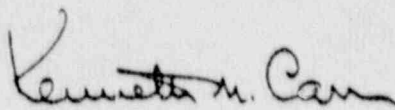
Dear Mr. Lee:

I am responding to your letter of May 14, 1990, concerning draft NUREG-1395, "Industry Perceptions of the Impact of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Nuclear Power Plant Activities." I agree that the Regulatory Impact Survey (RIS) is important to the staff's efforts to improve regulatory activities, and I appreciate your willingness to assist the NRC in interpreting the information collected to date. However, I believe that any additional comments and suggestions that NUMARC may want to contribute to this effort would be more useful to the Commission at a later point in time.

As you may know, we have more to do on the overall program to assess regulatory impact. The Regulatory Impact Survey includes two other activities to solicit information. One activity consists of a questionnaire to all nuclear utilities soliciting voluntary information concerning management time devoted to all inspections and audits. The other activity is an internal survey of NRC staff on its perceptions of the impact that NRC licensing and inspection activities have on nuclear plant operation. A comprehensive evaluation of licensees' comments by the NRC staff is ensured by the inclusion of these two activities in the RIS program.

Following completion of the surveys, senior NRC managers will evaluate carefully all of the information obtained and will then develop a plan and implementation schedule to make corrections to the regulatory process consistent with our regulatory responsibilities. The plan and schedule will be forwarded to the Commission, made available to the ACRS in their role as advisors to the Commission, and made publicly available. The Commission believes that your views would be most helpful if they are focused on the plan and schedule, and we would welcome any additional comments and suggestions that you may want to make at that time.

Sincerely,


Kenneth M. Carr

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Mr. Byron Lee, Jr., President
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Dear Mr. Lee:

I am responding to your letter of May 14, 1990, in which you offered the assistance of the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) in interpreting the information contained in draft NUREG-1395, "Industry Perceptions of the Impact of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Nuclear Power Plant Activities." I agree that the NRC staff's efforts to understand this information is vital to its efforts to improve regulatory activities. We have more to do on the overall program to assess regulatory impact, as described below.

The Regulatory Impact Survey (RIS) includes two other activities to solicit information. One activity consists of a questionnaire to all nuclear utilities soliciting voluntary information concerning management time devoted to all inspections and audits. The other activity is an internal survey of NRC staff on its perceptions of the impact that NRC licensing and inspection activities have on nuclear plant operation. A comprehensive evaluation of licensee comments by the NRC staff is assured by the inclusion of these two activities in the RIS program.

Following completion of the surveys, senior NRC managers will evaluate carefully all of the obtained information. They will then develop a plan and implementation schedule to make corrections to the regulatory process consistent with our regulatory responsibilities. They will report to the Commission on changes in current regulatory practice. They will also make information available to the ACRS in their role as advisors to the Commission. At that time we would be willing to consider any additional comments and suggestions you may have on the changes.

I trust this reply responds to your concern.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Carr

* See previous concurrence

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Mr. Byron Lee, Jr.
President
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Resources Council
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Dear Mr. Lee:

I am responding to your letter of May 14, 1990, in which you offered the assistance of the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) in interpreting the information the NRC staff received from the licensees during the first part of the Regulatory Impact Survey (RIS) as shown in draft NUREG-1395, "Industry Perceptions of the Impact of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Nuclear Power Plant Activities." I agree that the NRC staff's efforts to understand this information is vital to its efforts to improve regulatory activities.

Since its inception in the fall of 1989, the RIS program has included two other activities to solicit information by the direction of the Commission. One activity consists of a short questionnaire to all nuclear utilities soliciting voluntary information concerning management time devoted to all inspections and audits. The other activity is an internal survey of NRC staff on the potential safety impact that NRC licensing and inspection activities have on nuclear plant operation. A comprehensive evaluation of licensees comments by the NRC staff is assured by the inclusion of these two activities in the RIS program. The results of these two activities will also be made available to the public.

Following completion of the surveys, senior NRC managers will evaluate carefully all of the obtained information. They will then develop and implement changes to regulatory activities that they determine need improvement.

I trust this reply responds to your concern.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Carr
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