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The Honorable James L. Nelligan  
Member, United States House  
of Representatives  
115 East 7th Street  
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Dear Congressman Nelligan:

I am pleased to respond to your April 3, 1982, inquiry about the February 9, 1982 letter from one of your constituents, Gerald R. Schultz, Esq., regarding the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station. That letter expressed concerns about the reactor vessel head or cap and a large concrete pipe to the cooling towers.

Upon receipt of Mr. Schultz's letter on February 10, 1982, our Region I office telephoned Mr. Schultz to discuss his concerns, explain the NRC checks involved, clarify safety aspects, and inquire as to the availability of further information. The NRC staff responded in writing to Mr. Schultz's concerns on February 11, 1982. A copy of that response is enclosed for your information.

After our discussion with Mr. Schultz, the NRC Resident Inspectors at the Susquehanna plant rechecked installation of the reactor vessel heads, including observation of the Unit One head being put in place on the vessel on February 11, 1982. No safety problems were identified. We have found no damage to the heads, closure studs, or associated equipment. The large concrete pipe Mr. Schultz described does not appear to be safety-related. Simple patching of holes in such pipe should be a sufficient repair, but we are being alert for potential problems with any cooling system piping.

Mr. Schultz's concerns are being addressed by our inspection efforts, and we will consider any additional input he provides in our assessments of facility safety. The NRC Regional Staff also contacted Mr. Schultz by telephone on February 23, 1982 and asked if more information is available. None has been provided to date.

I trust this reply is responsive to your inquiry. Please let me know if we can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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