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The Honorable Alan Simpson, Chairman Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has recently approved designation of the Pressurized Thermal Shock concern as Unresolved Safety Issue A-49 pursuant to Section 210 of the Energy Reominization Act of 1974, as amended in December 1977. Section 210 defines an Unresolved Safety Issue as "...a matter affecting a number of nuclear power plants that poses important questions concerning the adequacy of existing safety requirements for which a final resolution has not yet been developed and that involves conditions not likely to be acceptable over the lifetime of the plants affected."

The NRC staff's detailed basis for designation of the Pressurized Thermal Shock concern as an Unresolved Safety Issue is contained in SECY 81-687 (Enclosure 1).

The scope, resources and schedule for resolution of this Unresolved Safety Issue are defined in the Task Action Plan which is enclosed (Enclosure 2). The staff expects to reach an interim resolution in June 1982. The final generic resolution, including issuance of Regulatory Re scheduled for the summer of 1983.

Sincerely,

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	Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation	, PD-71
Enclosures: 1. SECY 81-687 dated - BH2.300189 December 8, 1981 2. Task Action Plan		T 100.
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cc: Representative Manuel Lujan

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