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Mr. Dennis Crutchfield  
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Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

This letter is to indicate our appreciation for the very worthwhile and productive meeting we had with you and others of the NRC staff on October 12, 1993, on the topic of design control document (DCD) form and content. As indicated at the meeting, these matters are vitally important with respect to timely preparations by the industry for design certification rulemakings, consistent with the latest NRC published schedules.

In addition to getting a better understanding of NRC staff positions expressed in the August 26, 1993, preliminary guidance on DCDs, significant progress was made on development of an improved understanding in key areas. For example, resolution of several issues associated with DCD form and content is directly dependent on an understanding of the type and extent of PRA information appropriate for inclusion in the DCD. Accordingly, we are preparing an industry point paper on this topic for NRC staff consideration. This paper will also address the issue raised by the NRC staff's preliminary DCD guidance regarding reevaluation of severe accident mitigation design alternatives (SAMDAs) in the future by a COL applicant.

Regarding the handling of secondary references in design certification rules, industry and NRC legal staffs have had follow-up discussions subsequent to our October 12 meeting. We hope that resolution of this issue can be achieved soon.

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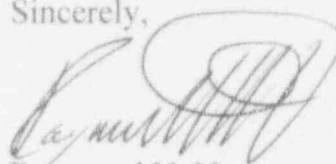
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Regarding "COL action items," we agree with the NRC staff's conclusion, based on the discussion at the October 12 meeting, that it is not necessary or appropriate to include such information in the DCD. Rather, it was concluded that this information would be effectively captured for future consideration by COL applicants and NRC staff reviewers through inclusion in either the SSAR, a NUREG or the Standard Review Plan.

We look forward to further interactions with the NRC staff to achieve further resolution of DCD form and content issues. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Raymond N. Ng', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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