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Mr. C. Bernard Fowler
County Commissioner
County Commissioners of
Calvert County
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Dear Mr. Fowler:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 31, 1978, in which you commented on the Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Contingency Plan, the spent fuel storage capacity and the shallow water draft trials of LNG tankers as these items relate to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) operated by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E). Each of your comments will be addressed separately.

BG&E plans to make the LNG Contingency Plan a part (Section I) of their site Emergency Plan Implementing Procedure. The Calvert County Control Center has a copy of this document and is on the distribution list for any changes, according to BG&E. We have requested that BG&E contact the responsible Calvert County personnel in the development and implementation of the LNG Contingency Plan.

BG&E is currently authorized by the NRC to store up to 1,076 spent fuel assemblies in the spent fuel storage pool shared by the CCNPP units. Our Environmental Impact Appraisal accompanying the amendments authorizing the increase in spent fuel storage to 1,076 assemblies states that, "the proposed increase in storage capacity will allow CCNPP to operate both units until 1985, by which time interim storage and the Federal repository for spent fuel are expected to be operable." We are not aware of any plans BG&E has to increase their spent fuel pool storage capacity beyond the 1,076 fuel assemblies authorized. If BG&E were to make such an application, a new Safety Evaluation and Environmental Impact Appraisal justifying a Technical Specification change would be required.

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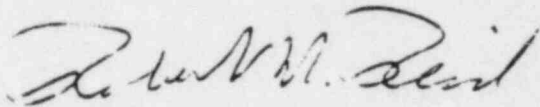
Mr. C. Bernard Fowler

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We agree with your concern over the proposed shallow water draft trials of LNG tankers in the vicinity of CCNPP. We expressed our concern in our May 31, 1978 letter to the Captain of the Port of Baltimore (enclosed with the June 13, 1978 Safety Evaluation you have addressed in your letter). We have recently received a response from Captain J. W. Kime, Captain of the Port of Baltimore, for the U. S. Coast Guard, which addresses this concern stating that his office will not permit shallow water maneuvers by LNG carriers close to CCNPP unless the vessel is in a gas free condition.

I trust this information will be of interest to the Calvert County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #4
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

1. Environmental Impact
Appraisal for Amendments
Nos. 27 and 12 dated
January 4, 1978
2. Letter from Captain Kime
dated September 14, 1978



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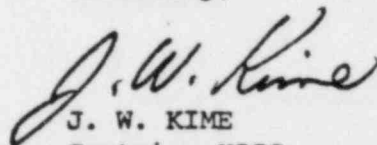
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Operating Reactors
Attention: Brian K. Grimes, Assistant Director
for Engineering Projects
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

On 8 June 1978, Captain Schumacher replied to your letter of 31 May 1978 concerning "LNG Practices." It has come to my attention that his letter did not speak to your concern over the conduct of shallow water maneuvers by LNG carriers close to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Please be advised that this office will not permit such trials to be conducted unless the vessel is in a gas free condition.

Sincerely,


J. W. KIME
Captain, USCG
Captain of the Port