

December 27, 1993

Mr. Joe F. Colvin
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuclear Management and Resources Council
1776 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20006-3706

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I have reviewed your letter of December 10, 1993, regarding the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) executive level fire protection working group. Your plan is very comprehensive and ambitious. However, in view of on-going work activities and other competing resource needs, I must focus U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff resources on the most pressing fire protection issues. At this time, these are the issues identified in Generic Letter 92-08, "Thermo-Lag 330-1 Fire Barriers." Accordingly, as I stated at our meeting on November 19, 1993, I intend to increase NRC senior management involvement and participation in resolving the fire barrier issues. Initially, this will consist of senior management meetings between the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and NUMARC. The designated NRR senior managers are:

- Dr. T.E. Murley, Director
- Mr. F.J. Miraglia, Deputy Director
- Mr. W.T. Russell, Associate Director for Inspection and Technical Assessment
- Mr. A.T. Thadani, Director
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis

I will reconsider NRC involvement in other planned NUMARC working group activities after a solution to the Thermo-Lag issues is clearly defined.

The NRC point of contact for Mr. Alex Marion, the staff individual assigned by NUMARC to this effort, is Mr. Conrad McCracken, Chief, Plant Systems Branch, NRR. Mr. Marion can reach Mr. McCracken at 301-504-2873.

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December 10, 1993

Mr. James M. Taylor
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Office of the Executive Director
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Taylor:

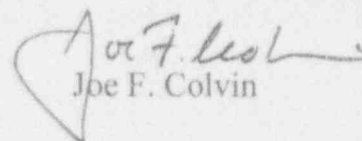
At our meeting on November 18, 1993, I apprised you of our efforts in forming an executive level working group to address policy issues as we proceed with the industry program on Fire Protection. This working group will be chaired by William Cavanaugh, III, President and Chief Operating Officer, Carolina Power & Light Company.

The fundamental purpose of this working group is to integrate the current activities related to the NUMARC test program on Thermo-Lag fire barrier systems, concerns with other manufacturers of fire barrier systems, and proposed revisions to fire protection regulations. The NUMARC staff individual assigned to this comprehensive effort is Alex Marion, Manager, Technical Division. Mr. Marion has been communicating routinely with Dr. Thadani of NRR.

Also at the November 18 meeting, you proposed periodic meetings at a senior management level. We agree that such meetings would be valuable and designate Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Rasin, and myself as the industry representatives. I would appreciate knowing your designation of the NRC team so we can proceed to meet expeditiously.

We look forward to open and constructive interactions with you and your staff as we progress on this important program.

Sincerely,


Joe F. Colvin

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