August 9, 1982

Mr. D. Clark Gibbs, Chairman Committee on Reactor Licensing and Safety Atomic Industrial Forum 7101 Wisconsin Avenue Washington, D.C. 20014

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

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This is in response to your letter of July 27, 1982, in which you discussed the views of the AIF Reactor Vessel Integrity Subcommittee on the development and implementation of regulatory requirements related to pressurized thermal shock.

The phased approach suggested by the subcommittee is similar to an approach presently being considered by the NRC staff. As you know, the staff has been meeting frequently with the PWR owners groups as the staff position is being developed. These meetings have provided useful information and comments. We will notify the AIF staff of such meetings in the future, so that members of the Subcommittee on Reactor Vessel Integrity can participate if they desire.

Sincerely,

Orlegnal Signed By E. G. Care

Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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