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Mr. James Lieberman Director Office of Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

> Re: Response to NRC Review Team Report On Whistleblower Protection

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1994 forwarding a copy of the "Report of the Review Team for Reassessment of the NRC's Program for Protecting Allegers Against Retaliation." Enclosed please find a copy of the report of the National Whistleblower Center, dated January 31, 1994, which was written in response to the NRC Review Team's report.

We recognize that the Review Team has made some positive proposals that are well-intended. However, after careful review of the Review Team's report we are concerned that many weaknesses in the NRC's efforts to protect whistleblowers will remain unresolved even if all of the Review Team's recommendations are implemented.

In an effort to bolster the Review Team's proposals the National Whistleblower Center is offering a response which we hope will be treated as constructive criticism of the Review Team's efforts.

If you have any questions regarding our response please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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