



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 21, 1990

The Honorable Tom Lewis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lewis:

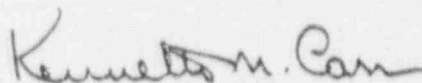
I am responding to your letter of October 9, 1990, in which you requested a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's determinations regarding the validity of testing performed by H.A.F.A. International, Inc. under Topical Report HAFA 135 (P-A), dated December 1985. As you know, on June 6, 1990, the staff concluded that the testing H.A.F.A. performed was invalid and rescinded approval for H.A.F.A. to conduct any further testing under that version of the Topical Report.

As a result of H.A.F.A.'s September 26, 1990 request for reconsideration of this decision (copy enclosed), the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has agreed to review its findings in this matter. The review will be conducted by an experienced and knowledgeable member of the NRC staff not previously involved in the review process which culminated in the June 6, 1990 determination. We will advise you of the results of this additional review when it is completed.

With respect to your concern about the NRC's use of an incorrect version of the Topical Report as a point of reference in the initial review and discussions with H.A.F.A. on this matter, the staff informed H.A.F.A. in its June 6, 1990 letter (copy enclosed) that it had compared HAFA 135 (P) with HAFA 135 (P-A) to identify any discrepancies between the two reports. Two revisions had been made to the amended version, neither of which substantially affected the NRC finding.

We believe the actions taken by NRC's technical staff are appropriate under the circumstances and address the concerns you have raised.

Sincerely,


Kenneth M. Carr

Enclosure:
As stated

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