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Dear Mr. Russell:

We appreciated your participation at our recent Design Basis Program Guidelines Workshops, as well as that of Gene Imbro and Brian Grimes. We believe the workshops were successful in providing a better understanding of the Guidelines and of the regulatory climate for conducting these voluntary efforts by utilities.

We agree with NRC's view that utilities should tailor an approach that is suitable to each plant's own unique needs. The Guidelines were developed to allow this flexibility while providing a consensus framework that would be useful to utilities. We believe NRC's acknowledgement of the Guidelines will provide further encouragement to utilities to aggressively pursue these programs.

In closing, it is our view that industry and NRC share a common objective in promoting self-initiated utility efforts. We believe that our collective efforts in addressing design basis programs is an example of where we met that objective. We will continue to strive for that goal.

Sincerely,

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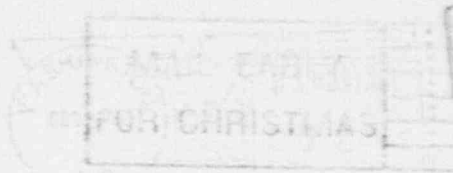
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