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Docket No. 50-461

Mr. George Wuller
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Dear Mr. Wuller:

Subject: Containment Purge

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your revised position, as stated in your October 22, 1982 letter, dealing with the containment purge issue, and to express concern over your long history of inaction with regard to this matter.

At a meeting in Bethesda on July 20, 1982, extensive discussions were held on the history of this issue. As part of these discussions, a duplicate copy of the staff's letter to you dated November 21, 1978 which defined the requirements and the staff's position on containment purge was given to you. That letter requested this issue be addressed in the FSAR when submitted. Impacts of containment purge requirements on operating plants and Commission interest in the subject were also reviewed along with your report of March 10, 1982 on containment purge. At the end of these wide ranging discussions, it was concluded that Illinois Power would follow the approach taken by Grand Gulf (i.e., limited purge). This was reported in a summary of the meeting, dated July 26, 1982. Your letter of August 25, 1982 provided comments on the meeting summary and further indicated Illinois Power would like to meet with the staff to discuss design modifications in hopes of closing out the issue by November 1, 1982.

The next information received on the subject was the October 22, 1982 letter which forwarded the containment vent/purge butterfly isolation valve report in response to TMI Action Plan Item II.E.4.2(6). You indicated you had examined the purge alternatives and have returned to your original position (unlimited purge).

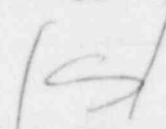
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Please provide us with your study of containment purge alternatives which has lead to this reversal of position. We must again express concern over your lack of responsiveness on this issue. If you have any questions, please call J. H. Williams at (301) 492-9777.

Sincerely,


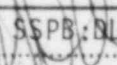
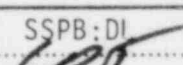
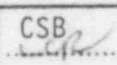


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