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Mr. C.J. Hale
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Hale:

The following questions are submitted for discussion during the public meeting concerning the NRC's policy of decentralization:

1. Architect Engineers and Construction Managers with nuclear projects in several regions experienced varying inspection and acceptance standards when the NRC first initiated a site inspection program. The NRC alleviated part of the problem by issuing Inspection Modules from I&E Headquarters to be utilized by all Region Inspectors during site inspections.

Now, the NRC is adopting a new Policy on Decentralization.

Question: How can you assure that the old problem of varying acceptance and inspection standards will not reappear with your emphasis on Decentralization?

2. On March 10, 1983 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Nunzio J. Palladino told a Senate Environment Subcommittee that the Agency was proceeding cautiously with regionalization and was attempting to pilot test a maximum number of functions in the process.

Question: Could you identify the functions that will be involved in this pilot test?

Very truly yours,

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