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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

August 16, 1984

Dr. Zinovy V. Reytblatt, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Reytblatt:

SUBJECT: YOUR LETTERS TO THE ACRS RELATING TO APPENDIX J TO 10 CFR PART 50  
AND A DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE ON THE CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE TESTING

During its August 9-11, 1984 meeting, the ACRS considered the comments and proposals included in your recent letters to Mr. Ebersole, dated July 9, 1984 and to Dr. Siess, dated July 5, 1984.

As you recall, you appeared before the ACRS full Committee on March 15, 1984 and expressed your concerns on the NRC containment leakage testing criteria. You also appeared before the ACRS Subcommittee on Regulatory Activities on June 12, 1984 and reiterated some of your earlier comments.

As far as the proposed General Revision to Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 is concerned, during the June 14-16, 1984 meeting, the ACRS decided that it had no objection to issuing this proposed Rule for public comment. It also decided to review this Rule subsequent to the public comment period together with the public comments and the NRC Staff's responses to them. This decision of the ACRS was transmitted to the Executive Director for Operations in a letter dated June 18, 1984; a copy of which was provided to you by Mr. Sam Duraiswamy.

I understand that the NRC Staff plans to issue the revised Appendix J for public comment subsequent to the completion of the review by the Committee to Review General Requirements (CRGR). As of today, the exact schedule for the CRGR review is not available.

Regarding the Draft Regulatory Guide on Containment Leakage Testing, you expressed concern about issuing it for public comment without a detailed discussion at an ACRS meeting. As you are aware, this Guide was scheduled for discussion at the June 12, 1984 Regulatory Activities Subcommittee meeting. However, at that meeting the NRC Staff reported that the version of the Guide submitted to the Subcommittee needed to be updated to incorporate,

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as appropriate, some of the revised provisions of the ANSI/ANS 56.8 Standard. As a result, the Subcommittee decided to defer detailed review of this Guide until after public comments have been received. This decision of the Subcommittee was endorsed by the full Committee during its June 1984 meeting.

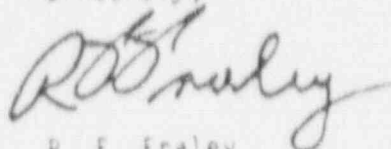
The latest revision of the Guide has not yet been made available to the ACRS. Subsequent to receiving a revised version, Dr. Siess, the Regulatory Activities Subcommittee Chairman, will review the changes to determine whether they are significant enough to warrant a detailed discussion at a Subcommittee meeting prior to its issuance for public comment. If found significant, the Regulatory Activities Subcommittee may hold a meeting to discuss this Guide in detail. We will notify you of any such meeting.

As far as your request for the ACRS review and endorsement of an alternate Regulatory Guide on the Containment Leakage Testing prepared by you is concerned, we expect to pursue this matter by review of the proposed NRC Rule and the Regulatory Guide, taking your comments into account.

I would like to reiterate that subsequent to the public comment period, the proposed General Revision to Appendix J and the associated Regulatory Guide will be reviewed in detail by the Regulatory Activities Subcommittee and also by the full Committee, as appropriate, together with the public comments and the NRC Staff's responses to them.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sam Duraiswamy at 202-634-3267.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, ACRS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sharon Connally, Director  
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FROM: James Lieberman, Director  
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Regional Operations and Enforcement  
Office of the Executive Legal Director

SUBJECT: MARCH 6, 1985 LETTER FROM DR. ZINOVY V. REYBLATT

The enclosed March 6, 1985 letter from Dr. Zinovy V. Reyblatt to Harold Denton asks the staff to take a number of actions pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 with respect to containment leak-rate testing. However, Dr. Reyblatt also alleges improprieties by members of the staff in past actions related to this issue, and he asks for an investigation into these alleged improprieties. Accordingly, I am providing you with Dr. Reyblatt's letter for action as you deem appropriate. I am also enclosing a second letter from Dr. Reyblatt dated March 8, 1985 and a transmittal memorandum from me to Harold Denton.

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