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Department of Energy
ATTN: David J. McGoff
Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Reactor Development
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. McGoff:

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION CONCERNING TMI-2 SPENT FUEL WASTE CANISTERS

This letter is to document the telephone conversation that you had with William H. Ruland, Chief, Projects Section 4B, on September 28, 1990, concerning a pending NRC investigation into the destruction of quality assurance audit records for TMI-2 spent fuel waste canisters.

It was alleged that in 1984 Nuclear Energy Services (NES) quality assurance records were destroyed by a NES employee to cover up a deficient safety condition with the manufacturer of spent fuel waste canisters. The canisters were used at TMI-2 to transport the damaged radioactive fuel from that facility to the DOE. The alleged further stated that the NES audit was followed by a NRC Vendor Inspection Branch audit, performed on July 26, 1985, that allegedly identified similar concerns.

A preliminary review of the alleged's concerns indicates that there is no immediate safety concern. Further, we have no information from the alleged that any defect still exists in the TMI-2 canisters.

The NRC will inform you of any significant findings or safety issues resulting from our investigation. Please contact William H. Ruland at FTS 346-5337 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator