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Mrs. Janet Hobbs
Editor, Western Week Herald
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Dear Mrs. Hobbs:

This is in reference to our previous conversations and correspondence regarding construction practices at Carolina Power & Light's Sharon Harris Nuclear Plant. As indicated in my letter to you dated April 1, 1980, the determination for NRC to initiate an investigation of the concerns stated by you in your news article of March 20, 1980, would be based on those questions falling within the purview of NRC's regulatory authority. As you will recall, I requested your assistance in securing direct contact with your sources of information (in an anonymous manner, if necessary) for the purpose of gathering sufficient detail to make that determination.

As of this date, only one individual has contacted this office regarding this matter. The editor's principal concern was associated with the quality of the main condenser supplied by Westinghouse. This concern was discussed with you in my telephone conversation of March 24, 1980, at which time I advised that our technical staff had determined that this condenser is not a safety-related assembly and, therefore, is outside NRC's regulatory authority. It is my understanding that CP&L is aware of quality problems associated with this equipment and is pursuing the matter.

Regarding the numerous other concerns discussed, which I indicated fall within the responsibility of the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), it is my understanding that your office, as well as myself, has been in communication with OSHA and that these matters are being handled by that agency.

Regarding our discussion of March 24, 1980, in which you advised me that one of your sources had expressed general concerns regarding concrete placements in the containment building, I am enclosing a copy of the Region II Inspection Report No. 50-400/80-10. Our findings are discussed in that report.

If this office may be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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