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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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MEMORANDUM FOR: D. G. Eisenhut, Director, Division of Licensing, NRR
FROM: R. W. Starostecki, Director, Division of Project and
Resident Programs, Region I
SUBJECT: PROPOSED BOARD NOTIFICATION FOR LIMERICK UNIT 1 (DN 50-352)

Region I has identified further information relative to the proposed Board Notification discussed in my letter to you dated July 19, 1984 describing concerns regarding civil-structural design calculations for Limerick.

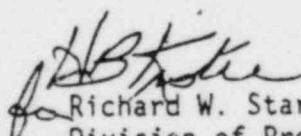
On July 18, 1984 representatives of Region I, IE and NRR interviewed a confidential allegor regarding his concerns relative to the response of the reactor enclosure vent stacks to blast loads following a railroad accident. The allegor has stated that one of the calculations he reviewed, as a member of the Limerick architect-engineer's staff, related to the precast concrete panels and steel structure of the south stack.

The calculations reviewed by the allegor included consideration of blast loads. The allegor stated that his own calculations showed that the steel structure would not withstand the blast loads. The allegor was subsequently informed by his management that the south stack did not need to withstand a blast load. Region I intends to conduct further investigation of this allegation. In order that the investigation can continue unencumbered, we request that the substance of the allegation not be publicized.

I would like to stress that nothing Region I has reviewed to date meets the Board Notification standard of relevant, new information on an issue in controversy. However, because of our understanding of the procedural posture of this case, the Board presently writing its decision on a contention having some nexus to the allegation, we recommend that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board be advised that an allegation which appears to have a nexus to the contention on pipeline hazards has been received and that the allegation is under active investigation. When the investigation is completed, we will inform you of the results.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Gallo of my staff at 488-1234.

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