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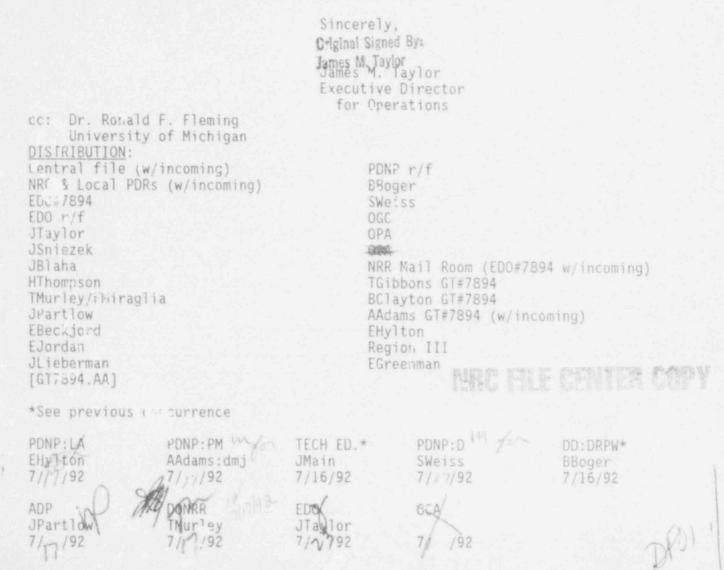
Mr. J. Charles McKibben, Chairman National Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors Associate Director Research Reactor Facility - MURR University of Missouri - Columbia Columbia, Missouri 65211

Dear Mr. McKibben:

9207310081 920723 PDR ADOCM 05000123 I am responding to your letter of July 7, 1992, in which you described the actions of the National Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors (TRTR) to independently review and evaluate the recent event at the Ford Nuclear Reactor at the University of Michigan. The establishment of an expert panel to make a independent review of the occurrence, to make specific recommendations to prevent reoccurrence of the event, and to screngthen the overall operation of the facility is clear evidence of TRTR's dedication to safety and operations excellence at non-power reactor (NPR) facilities.

We will follow up with the University of Michigan on their response to TRTR's review and evaluation efforts in our assessments of the Ford Nuclear Reactor.

I urge TRTR to continue to respond to the needs of the NPR community as it has on this occasion. I hope that the NFR community will consider the increased use of TRTR audits in the future as a preventive measure to strengthen programs and help prevent the occurrence of events.





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J. Charles McKibben National Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors (TRTR)

TO:

James M. Taylor

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* GRN \*\*

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ROUTING:

ACTIONS TAKEN BY TRTR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN RE A RECENT OCCURRENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH REACTOR

DATE: 07/08/92

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