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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:

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 an independent review of the occurrence, to make specific recommendations to prevent reoccurrence of the event, and to strengthen 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 NPR 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.

Sincerely,  
Original Signed By:  
James M. Taylor  
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Executive Director  
for Operations

cc: Dr. Ronald F. Fleming  
University of Michigan

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J. Charles McKibben  
National Organization of Test, Research, and  
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TO:

James M. Taylor

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

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