THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS POOR QUALITY PAGES

P 2 2 1978

The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for the information of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation is a revised regulatory guide which is being issued in Division 1, "Power Reactors."

Regulatory Guide 1.29, Revision 3, "Seismic Design Classification," describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff for identifying and classifying those features of light-water-cooled nuclear power plants that should be designed to withstand the effects of the Safe Shutdown Earthquake and remain functional. This guide was revised as the result of public comments and additional staff review.

Also enclosed is a Federal Register notice we plan to issue on this matter within the next few days.

Sincerely,

Original signed by: ROBERT B. MINOGUE

Robert B. Minogue, Director Office of Standards Development

PTam, NRR

Enclosures:

1. Regulatory Guide 1.29, Revision 3

2. Federal Register Notice

cc: The Honorable James A. McClure

SD:PSB EHill

3/ /78

7810160072

SD Task No. EM 709-4

CRESS NL SD:ES/DIR SD:DD SD:DIR SD:PSB/BC SD: EMSB/AC SD:GES/AD Mag #8275 JANorberg:sp WMMorrison GWRivenbark GAArlotto RGSmith RBMinogue 8/ /78 8/ /78 3/ 172 8/ /78 8/ /78 8/ /78 8/31/78

Distribution Secretary Mail Facility (3) RKirkwood, NRR CA (3) LVGossick, EDO TJBennett, NRR HKShapar, ELD (2) LPorse, SD HRDenton, NRR EHill, SD MSparks, SD JEDavis -- IE CVSmith, NMSS SLevine, RES RBMinogue, SD RGSmith, SD GAArlotto, SD KRGoller, SD GWRivenbark, SD WMMorrison, SD JANorberg, SD