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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 30, 1988

The Honorable Lando Zech  
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech:

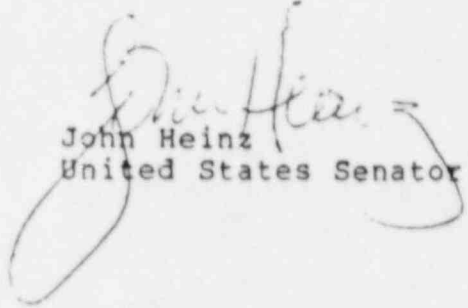
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I understand that Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing the allegations of shoddy work to determine whether NRC regulations were violated and whether a safety risk exists or has ever existed at the Beaver Valley facility. I urge NRC to vigorously investigate the allegations and if necessary take the appropriate enforcement action against responsible parties.

The people of western Pennsylvania deserve assurance from the NRC that either the allegation is untrue and the Beaver Valley plant is safe or the problem has been identified and will be corrected promptly so that the Beaver Valley plant is safe. I would appreciate a report, in writing, from the NRC clearly describing its findings and solutions if a problem is found.

Thank you for your prompt response to this important safety matter.

Sincerely,

  
 John Heinz  
 United States Senator

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**ACTION**

EDO PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL  
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FROM: SEN. JOHN HEINZ

DLE: ~~04/26/88~~

EDO CONTROL: 003617  
DOC DT: 03/30/88  
FINAL REPLY:

TO: CHAIRMAN ZECH

*4/6/88, per discussion with Duayne Morris*

FOR SIGNATURE OF: CHAIRMAN

**\*\* PRIORITY \*\***

SECY NO:

DESC: SAFETY PROBLEMS AT BEAVER VALLEY

ROUTING:

DATE: 04/12/88  
ASSIGNED TO: NRR CONTACT: MURLEY

STELLO  
TAYLOR  
REHM  
RUSSELL  
LIEBERMAN  
HAYES  
MURRAY

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

NRR RECEIVED: APRIL 12, 1988  
ACTION: DRPR:VARGA

NRR ROUTING: MURLEY/SNIEZEK  
MIRAGLIA  
MARTIN  
GILLESPIE  
MOSSBURG

**ACTION**  
**DUE TO NRR DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**  
BY ~~April 15, 1988~~

*4/21/88, per discussion with D. Mossburg*

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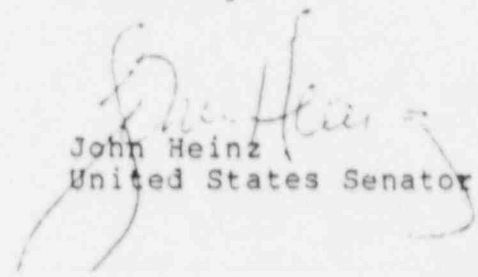
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Rec'd Off. EDO

Date 4.12.88

Time 9:00

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4/6...To EDO to Prepare Response for Signature  
of Chairman..Date due Comm: April 20...Cpys to: