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Georgia Institute of Technology
ATTN: Dr. John P. Crecine, President
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its investigation of activities associated with the Neely Nuclear Research Center (NNRC). A copy of the Synopsis of the Office of Investigations Report, issued August 24, 1988, is enclosed.

The freedom of NNRC employees to report safety concerns to Georgia Tech management or the NRC, without fear of reprisal, is one of the issues that we must assess in our overall evaluation preparatory to a decision relative to resumption of reactor operation. Accordingly, you are requested to attend an Enforcement Conference to discuss the findings of the NRC investigation, the current NNRC organization, and any actions that have been or will be taken to assure that the proper environment exists at NNRC with respect to protected activities. We will contact you separately to establish a mutually agreeable date and time for the meeting.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rule of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them.

Sincerely,
original signed by J.P. Stehr

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
Synopsis of OI Report 2-88-003

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