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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

CHAIRMAN

May 10, 1988

The Honorable John Heinz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heinz:

I am responding to your March 30, 1988 letter in which you expressed concern about engineering work done several years ago at Duquesne Light Company's Beaver Valley 1 plant by Schneider Consulting Engineers (SCE). These issues received attention in an article that appeared in the Pittsburgh Press on March 27, 1988.

The article is based on an unsigned internal SCE memorandum dated December 24, 1980, alleging that some piping stress analyses performed by SCE may have been inadequate. As part of their review of the allegation, the NRC staff requested the Duquesne Light Company on March 23, 1988, to investigate the circumstances surrounding the SCE memorandum and provide a report on its findings and conclusions. Duquesne Light Company responded on April 13, 1988. A copy of Duquesne Light Company's letter is enclosed for your information. Their letter is currently under review by the staff. The results of the staff's review will be documented in an inspection report and regulatory action will be taken, if appropriate. As you requested, we will be pleased to provide you a copy of the report when it is available.

Sincerely,

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