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Ben C. Rusche, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

REQUEST FOR LICENSE SUSPENSION - HUMBOLDT BAY

By TWX dated August 24, 1975, copy attached, Thomas Collins has requested suspension or revocation of the Humboldt Bay operating license pending review of design accelerations and other seismic factors.

The apparent basis for the requested license suspension action is the June 7, 1975 earthquake which produced a magnitude of 5.4 on the Richter scale and an acceleration of .35g at the plant site. It is alleged that a major earthquake would produce accelerations two or three times greater and that the plant is only designed to withstand .25g in any event.

The request for license suspension or revocation should be treated as a request for enforcement action under 10 C.F.R. 2.206. In order to respond to this request it is apparent that your staff will have to develop a supportable position either for taking the requested action or for not doing so. I will be pleased to work with your staff in developing such a position.

It has been our practice in the past for this office to develop for your signature drafts of:

1. a letter of acknowledgement to the requester;
2. a letter of transmittal to the affected licensee; and
3. a notice of receipt of the request for publication in the Federal Register.

Following this practice, drafts of these documents are attached.

*Memo*  
Thomas F. Engelhardt  
Deputy Executive Legal Director

Enclosures:

1. TWX from Thomas Collins

RETYPE FOR THOMAS ENGELHARDT'S SIGNATURE 8/27/75

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