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SUBJECT: SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION - UKRAINIAN TASK 5.1-97 VISIT
(TAC M88227)

Dear Mr. Byram:

I wish to thank the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company (PP&L) for its agreement to host representatives of the Ukrainian nuclear power reactor regulatory body, Ukrainian Ministry for Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety (MEPHS) Nuclear Regulatory Administration (NRA). This letter confirms that Ukrainian NRA representatives will visit the Susquehanna reactor site on November 3 through 7, 1997. Three NRA representatives will visit Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Unit 1, including one Ukrainian interpreter. Also in the group will be one representative from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), Mr. Leon Whitney, and one United States (U.S.) sponsored interpreter from the Department of State (DOS).

The NRC is implementing a long-term direct assistance program for the nuclear power reactor regulator of Russia and Ukraine. In connection with these programs, the NRC is organizing this visit for NRA to study inspection procedures and activities for post-fire safe-shutdown programs through the observation of the pilot post-fire safe-shutdown inspection at SSES in November.

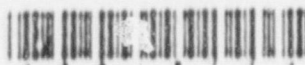
The main purpose of the one-week visit is to familiarize the Ukrainian NRA representatives with U.S. nuclear power industry post-fire safe-shutdown procedures and the way the NRC maintains its oversight of these programs through its inspection program. The visit will strongly enhance the team's understanding of U.S. commercial nuclear plant licensees' plans and NRC inspection activities on the post-fire safe-shutdown program.

The NRC is sensitive to the need not to interfere with either the activities of PP&L or Region I's performance of the inspection, and therefore will make arrangements for conducting the activities so that these requirements will be met. Questions will be held until after the completion of inspection activities, and any requests for information made by the Ukrainian visitors will be handled by the NRR Headquarters representative, Mr. Leon Whitney. In this regard, please designate a point of contact on your staff to whom Mr. Whitney may refer to confirm responses to technical questions about the facility during this visit.

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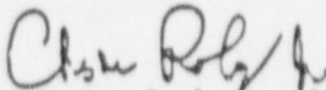
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Thank you in advance for the assistance of PP&L's staff in the conduct of this international training visit. Your staff's assistance will make an important contribution to the foreign visitors' understanding of fire protection safe shutdown programs of nuclear plants in the United States.

Sincerely,



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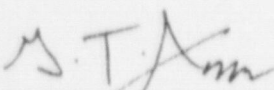
Dear Mr. Hehl:

The purpose of this letter is to request partial reconsideration of the NRC's May 29, 1997 public disclosure determination regarding Pennsylvania Power & Light Company's (PP&L) response to the NRC's request for additional information regarding EA No. 97-139. Attached to this letter is a redacted copy of the PP&L response which protects personal information the disclosure of which would identify PP&L employees and result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This information is exempt from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.790(a)(6). In addition, if this information is made public, future PP&L audit investigations may be hindered by individuals being less willing to cooperate with PP&L audit investigations fearing that the substance of their statements would become public. Because PP&L normally makes its audit reports available to the NRC, disclosure of the redacted portion of the PP&L response could result in the NRC receiving less information in the future. Therefore, the redacted portions of the PP&L response are also exempt under 10 CFR 2.790(a)(4).

We appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you in our meeting on June 12 the initiatives contained in this letter on improving our Nuclear Safety Concerns program and our on-going efforts to improve our process for investigation of issues. We plan on providing a follow-up letter to provide status on our efforts by July 25, 1997.

Please call if you have additional questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


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