



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

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The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) hereby submits a statement on the actions that have, are being, or will be taken with regard to the recommendations made by the Comptroller General of the United States in a report entitled, "Before Licensing Floating Nuclear Power Plants, Many Answers Are Needed."

The responses to these recommendations, which are enclosed, were prepared by the NRC staff with no prior review or comment by the Commissioners. This approach to satisfying the requirements of the above-referenced statute was deemed appropriate under the unusual circumstances present in this matter. Many of the points raised in the GAO report required an NRC response which involved a discussion of issues that are presently being litigated in a contested on-the-record public hearing on the application of the Offshore Power Systems for an NRC manufacturing license for floating nuclear power plants. Because the rulings and decisions on those issues by the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will very likely come before the Commissioners for review in connection with their adjudicatory responsibilities, it would not be appropriate for the Commission to comment on these issues at this time.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lee V. Gossick

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Enclosures:

1. NRC General Views on the GAO Report
  2. NRC Responses to the GAO Recommendations
  3. Ltr. fm USCG dated 10/13/78
  4. Ltr. fm Baker to Canfield
  5. NUREG-0054 (Suppl. 2), 0056, 0127, 0440, 0058, 0436, 0394
  6. 39FR2124
- cc: Sen. James A. McClure

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