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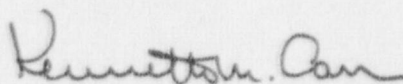
Mr. Byron Lee, Jr., President
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Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your July 21, 1989 letter informing me that NUMARC has filed a motion to intervene in the suit brought by the Union of Concerned Scientists and other organizations against the NRC's new regulations on standardization and the early resolution of licensing issues. The Commission believes that the regulations are a practical and legally sound way to realize the safety benefits of standardization and to enhance public participation in the licensing process.

NRC's General Counsel, Mr. William C. Parler, and his staff are working closely with the Department of Justice on the issues raised by this suit and will keep the Commission informed of the progress of the litigation. We have, I believe, every reason to be confident that the new regulations will be affirmed by the courts.

Sincerely,


Kenneth M. Carr