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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Philip P. Sharp, Chairman
 Subcommittee on Energy and Power
 Committee on Energy and Commerce
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter of June 14, 1988, concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's response to allegations of misconduct by a manager at the Davis-Besse plant on December 31, 1986. The matters that you raise are the subject of an investigation by our Office of Investigations (OI). OI's report was issued on July 7, 1988, and is currently under review by our enforcement staff to determine whether any regulatory action is appropriate.

The Commission expects all reactor licensees to have a vigorous fitness-for-duty program and to strive for a drug and alcohol-free workplace. A variety of events, including the December 1986 incident at Davis-Besse, has led the Commission to become increasingly concerned about the potential impact on safety from nuclear power plant workers under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Recognizing the need for regulations to address the issue of fitness for duty of personnel at nuclear power plants, the Commission met in public session on June 21, 1988, to consider a proposed fitness-for-duty rulemaking package. After Commission-directed revisions have been made, the proposed rule will be published in the Federal Register for public comment.

I am enclosing our responses to your specific questions about the Davis-Besse incident along with related documents. Many of the documents included in this package are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations. These documents are appropriately marked to facilitate identification and proper handling. We request that you accord these documents confidentiality as their unauthorized disclosure may impact any resulting enforcement actions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
 Responses to Questions

cc: Rep. Carlos Moorhead

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