

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
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A. R. Luedecke  
General Manager  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Luedecke:

On September 29, 1960, Mr. William Finan, Deputy General Manager, came to Boston to discuss the needs of the Commission for an independent review group for examining the health and safety aspects of the aerospace nuclear program. He indicated that rather than constituting a new group it would be preferable to have the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards undertake such reviews if it was willing to do so since most of the problems appeared to lie within our area of concern.

I indicated a tentative affirmative answer at the time and upon consultation with my committee members I am able to confirm that decision by this letter.

The ACRS at the request of the Commission and in discharge of its obligation is willing to accept responsibility for safety review of the aerospace nuclear projects. We believe that the Committee can best serve the Commission on this matter if its safety reviews of these projects are general ones rather than detailed technical evaluations. Advice would be furnished primarily in terms of safety policy in regard to the nuclear components of these systems and the effects of their possible failure on the health and safety of the public.

If the Committee is to review the nuclear safety aspects of this program it is desirable to schedule an early general program briefing to acquaint the full Committee with the nature and scope of the various projects.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ LESLIE SILVERMAN

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