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Chairman Greta J. Dicus
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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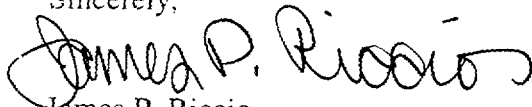
Dear Chairman Dicus:

Thank you for responding to my letter concerning the premature release of SECY-99-143, "Revisions to Generic Communication Program," to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). I appreciate the NRC's willingness to sit and discuss this matter in an open forum and I believe that the public meeting was worthwhile.

I must, however, take issue with several of the assertions made in your letter. Since the public meeting was not transcribed and the meeting summary I received does not do justice to the issues raised, I feel that your letter may be based on incomplete and possibly inaccurate information you received from the staff.

Since public confidence in the NRC is predicated upon the agency providing a level playing field for all participants in the regulatory process, I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss this matter with you. I can be contacted at 202-454-5188. I look forward to having the opportunity to speak with you.

Sincerely,



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cc:

- Commissioner Nils J. Diaz
- Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
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