

March 22, 2001

Dr. Claud E. Pugh
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Oak Ridge, TN

Dear Dr. Pugh:

I am writing on the occasion of your retirement to express the NRC's appreciation for your 20 years of support for our programs. Your involvement in our domestic and international research efforts has significantly contributed to the continued safe operation of nuclear power plants around the world.

Our pressure vessel safety research program has benefitted significantly from your involvement as a program manager, line manager, and, most recently, as coordinator for the NRC's programs at ORNL. Indeed, in the capacity as program coordinator, you have facilitated the laboratory's support for each of our major program Offices. Your efforts on behalf of the NRC in the IAEA's International Technical Working Group on Life Management of Nuclear Power Plants have provided a substantive contribution to international cooperation in key technical areas. In all of these efforts, we have benefitted from your technical expertise, your management of our programs, and your wise counsel.

On behalf of the NRC staff, I wish you the best in your retirement.

Sincerely,

/RA/ approved by

William D. Travers
Executive Director
for Operations

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