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John S. Sullivan

AUG 6 - 1964

Dr. Robert J. C. Koste
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Dear Dr. Koste:

In keeping with the Commission's established procedures, I have established a technical review committee to review the results of the examination now being conducted by the Commission's staff of the nuclear criticality accident which occurred on July 24 at United Nuclear Corporation's plant at Wood River Junction, Rhode Island. I am pleased that you have agreed to serve as chairman of this Committee, the other members of which are: Dr. Richard L. Dean, Dr. Marvin M. Dean, Dr. Warren E. Winscho, Dr. Hugh C. Fenton and Dr. Wayne C. Ellis.

Pursuant to our established procedures, it shall be the function of the Committee to:

- (a) review information gathered by the examination now being conducted by the AEC's Division of Compliance;
- (b) advise whether additional information should be obtained, and, if so, in what particulars;
- (c) review and comment on the information developed as a result of the examination with respect to such matters as the nature of the incident, its cause or causes, and matters to be considered in order to minimize or prevent similar incidents; and
- (d) prepare a report for the Director of Regulation.

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Dr. Robert J. C. Reute

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I have requested the Director, Division of Compliance, to keep the Committee fully and currently informed of all information now being gathered concerning the nuclear criticality accident.

The Committee should feel free to request such additional information it feels pertinent to its review of the incident. In addition, the Committee may, if it feels it appropriate, question persons knowledgeable of the incident and examine documents, equipment, facilities and sites pertinent to the incident.

It is proposed that the final report or reports of the Committee be made available to the public.

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Mr. Howard Shapiro, Assistant General Counsel for Licensing and Compliance, will be available to provide legal advice and assistance. Mr. John Sullivan, our Administrative Officer, will provide to the Committee such logistical support as may be necessary to carry out its duties. A meeting room will be made available to the Committee at the Bethesda AEC office and secretarial assistance will be provided as necessary.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your willingness to serve as Chairman.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

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In keeping with the Commission's established procedure, I have constituted a technical review committee to review the results of the examination now being conducted by the Commission's staff of the nuclear criticality accident which occurred on July 24 at Idaho Nuclear Corporation's plant at West River Junction, Idaho Island. I am pleased that you have agreed to serve as chairman of this Committee, the other members of which are: Dr. Richard L. Ross, Dr. Marvin E. Ross, Dr. Vernon E. Wiersma, Dr. Hugh C. Eason and Dr. Hugh C. Hill.

- (a) review information gathered by the commission and being collected by the AIC's Division of Compliance;
- (b) advise whether additional information should be obtained, and, if so, in what particulars;
- (c) review and comment on the information developed as a result of the commission with respect to each category of the nature of the incident, its cause or causes, and subject to be considered in order to minimize or prevent similar incidents; and
- (d) prepare a report for the Director of Regulation.

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Mr. Robert E. C. Harts

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I have requested the Director, Division of Compliance, to keep the Committee fully and currently informed of all information now being gathered concerning the earlier oil-drilling accident.

The Committee should feel free to request such additional information as it deems pertinent to its study of the incident. In addition, the Committee may, if it feels it appropriate, question persons knowledgeable of the incident and examine documents, equipment, facilities and other pertinent to the incident.

It is proposed that the final report or reports of the Committee be made available to the public.

Mr. Donald Shaper, Assistant General Counsel for Licensing and Compliance, will be available to provide legal advice and assistance. Mr. John Sullivan, our Administrative Officer, will provide to the Committee such logistical support as may be necessary to carry out its duties. A meeting room will be made available to the Committee at the National AEC office and secretarial assistance will be provided as necessary.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your willingness to serve as chairman.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Legislation

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