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ATTENTION: MR. BILL DIRCKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS
NRC

SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF HANFORD SEISMIC ISSUES

DEAR BILL:

RECENTLY, A MEMBER OF THE NRR STAFF CONTACTED DON BOUCHEY OF MY STAFF AND INDICATED THAT THE GEOSCIENCES REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR WNP-2 MAY BE IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY AND THAT THE SUPPLY SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN FULLY RESPONSIVE TO NRC CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE HANFORD SITE SEISMIC ISSUES. THE NRR STAFF SUGGESTED AND WE AGREED TO HAVE TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT MEETINGS ON THIS TOPIC IN MID-NOVEMBER.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO POINTS TO YOU REGARDING THIS ISSUE. FIRST, I WOULD DISPUTE STATEMENTS THAT THE SUPPLY SYSTEM HAS BEEN "UNRESPONSIVE" ON HANFORD SEISMIC ISSUES, AND I ASSURE YOU WE INTEND TO CONTINUE A RESPONSIBLE POLICY IN THIS REGARD.

IN FACT, SINCE THE WNP-2 PSAR, THE SUPPLY SYSTEM HAS CONDUCTED EXHAUSTIVE, MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAMS DIRECTED AT RESOLVING NRC CONCERNS ABOUT HANFORD GEOLOGY AND SEISMICITY.

THE NRC STAFF HAS BEEN PROVIDED DATA FROM THESE PROGRAMS AND AND HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THIS WORK THROUGH NUMEROUS MEETINGS. THOUGH MUCH NEW DATA HAS BEEN GENERATED, NONE OF THIS INFORMATION LEADS US OR OUR CONSULTANTS TO CONCLUDE

THAT OUR CURRENT SEISMIC DESIGN BASIS IS INADEQUATE. I BELIEVE THAT ANY "UNRESPONSIVENESS" TO NRC STAFF QUESTIONS STems FROM

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HONEST DIFFERENCES IN JUDGEMENTS BETWEEN OUR CONSULTANTS AND THE NRC REVIEWERS ON THE APPROPRIATE METHODOLOGY FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE HNAFORD GEOLOGICAL AND SEISMIC DATA. SECONDLY, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING TO PERPETUATE SUPPLY SYSTEM FUNDED GEOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND "WHAT IF" SORT OF QUESTIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED SAFETY OF OUR PLANTS. IT APPEARS TO US THAT PART OF THE DIFFICULTY MAY BE RAPIDLY-CHANGING NRC STAFF REVIEWERS, RESULTING EACH TIME IN A NEW SERIES OF QUESTIONS, MEETINGS AND CONCERNS. I BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION OF THE APPROPRIATE SEISMIC DESIGN BASIS FOR THE HNAFORD SITE IS AN ISSUE WHOSE RESOLUTION REQUIRES SOUND, CONSIDERED JUDGEMENTS AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE NRC MANAGEMENT CAN DEVOTE THE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE IN A TIMELY

IN A TIMELY FASHION IN SUPPORT OF OUR WNP-2 OPERATING LICENSE REVIEW.

BECAUSE THE SEISMIC ISSUE AT HNAFORD IS OF SUCH BROAD SIGNIFICANCE, INCLUDING THREE SUPPLY SYSTEM PLANTS, THE ENTIRE DOE HANFORD COMPLEX (BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PROGRAMS) AND THE NESCO SKAGIT PROJECT, AND BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAINTAIN OUR WNP-2 REVIEW SCHEDULE, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU PERSONALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT MEETINGS BETWEEN OUR STAFFS IN MID-NOVEMBER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. I LOOK FORWARD TO CHATTING ON THIS MATTER IN A FEW WEEKS.

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LAST OF MESSAGE TO MR. BILL DIRCKS; NRC SHOULD BE

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THANK YOU
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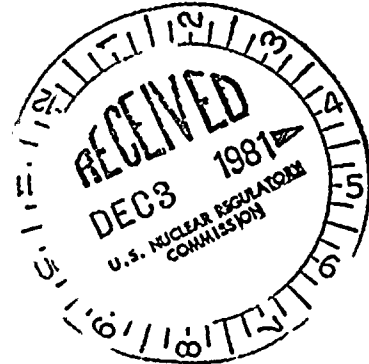
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