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September 25, 1979

Mr. Harold Denton
Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

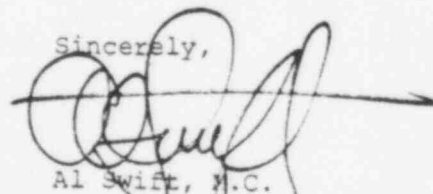
First, let me thank you for the prompt response of your office in supplying me with a copy of the U.S. Geological Survey's letter to you dated September 17, 1979, on the two proposed nuclear plants in my Congressional District.

I have reviewed the letter with several geologists and I have some serious questions I would like the NRC to address. Geologists familiar with that particular area say there are a number of young faults in the general area of the proposed power plants by Puget Sound Power and Light Company. As explained to me, these younger faults are more susceptible to possible seismic activity. However, the U.S.G.S. advisory letter deals with these faults only fleetingly, spending little time in analyzing what the concerns might be. The U.S.G.S. in its own letter notes that there are "major uncertainties" regarding some of the geological framework. Because of this, and the complex geological makeup of the region, I think it is necessary the NRC require the U.S.G.S. to carry out further mapping and evaluation of the area site for this facility, paying particular attention to these young faults before any action approving the applicant's limited work authorization.

It is vital that a complete and accurate geological portrait of the region is available in developing any design for any possible plant. I think further study in this area will go a long way toward resolving some of the legitimate concerns people in my district have raised about the geological framework of the actual general site locale.

Your prompt attention to this would be appreciated. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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