



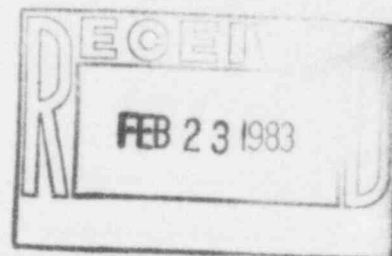
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VICE PRESIDENT

February 8, 1983
Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
P-83054

Mr. John T. Collins
Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Arlington, TX 76012



SUBJECT: Fort St. Vrain Unit No. 1
Simulators

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have noted with great concern, that the recent nuclear wastes act (House Bill HR 3809-62) has included the requirement for all reactor operating training programs to be based on the use of simulators.

We have in the past set forth our position for simulator requirements with reference to Fort St. Vrain. Most recently we discussed our concerns with you, members of your staff, Harold Denton and Bob Clark at our on-site meeting of December 16, 1982. We discussed NRC Generic Letter 82-18 and SECY-82-232 wherein the requirement for site-specific simulators had been removed from the Operator Training Programs pending further NRC evaluation to be completed around July 1983. Additionally we expressed specific concern about the economic impact of developing a site specific simulator for the one and only HTGR in the United States. As a result of this meeting we felt it was the general consensus that considering the economic impact, a site specific simulator for Fort St. Vrain was highly questionable.

Following that meeting we sent a letter to Don Beckham (P-83025 dated January 20, 1983) wherein we provided information to update our progress on the simulator program for Fort St. Vrain, to indicate our continued opposition to the simulator requirements, and to set forth our position that as a result of lack of direction from the NRC that we were not proceeding any further with the simulator program.

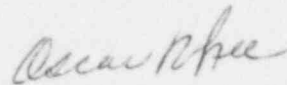
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We recognize, of course, that the NRC had nothing to do with including simulator requirements in the recently passed nuclear waste act. We would urge you, however, to take all action possible to resist such requirements, and would specifically request that Fort St. Vrain be exempted from the simulator requirements set forth by House Bill HR 3809-62.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Oscar R. Lee".

Oscar R. Lee

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