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Mr. J. M. Felton, Director  
Division of Rules and Records  
Office of Administration  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Felton:

In compliance with the request made in your letter of August 29, 1983, we have reviewed for public release the report prepared for us by the Professional Loss Control Company (PLC) dated October 26, 1982 and entitled, "Fire Protection Survey of the D. C. Cook Plant." The three paragraphs immediately below address your specific questions.

This document is a detailed independent fire protection audit report prepared by a qualified firm. Copies of this report were available for inspection at Corporate Headquarters and at the plant, and upon request were given to the D. C. Cook Plant Resident Inspector and the NRC Project Manager. While the report was referenced in official correspondence, it was not transmitted to the NRC.

It is our belief that there is no statutory requirement, nor practice to place such audit reports in the public record and, to the best of our knowledge, it is not currently available in public sources.

No general policy exists on public release of these documents since they may contain proprietary information which must be considered on a case-by-case basis. The foregoing notwithstanding, we do not object to the release of the subject document to interested parties.

The audit report covered not only physical inspection, but broad aspects of compliance to fire protection technical codes and regulations, in addition to general advisory comments for enhancing safety. The "summary" to the report starting on page 41, while identifying several specific weaknesses in training and documentation, commends surveillance and test procedures, control of combustible materials, the excellent condition of fire doors, barriers and penetration seals, fire detection, alarm and suppression systems. Such a detailed inspection enables us to correct every identified deficiency or weakness.

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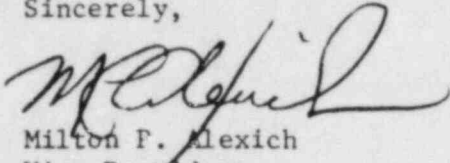
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Accordingly, a plan was prepared to address the findings of this audit. A copy of that corrective action program is enclosed with this letter for inclusion with the report. We request that you provide a copy of this letter with its enclosure along with the PLC audit report to interested parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Alexich', written in a cursive style.

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