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Mr. Frank A. Sieverman, Jr.
207 Elyton Road
Fayette, Alabama 35555

Dear Mr. Sieverman:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of August 3, 1979 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which was referred to me for reply. In your letter, you urged that work be halted at nuclear power plants presently under construction until inquiries into the March 28, 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant have been completed.

The NRC staff is currently conducting a thorough investigation of the accident at the Three Mile Island plant. This investigation includes potential design deficiencies in the plant, plant operator response to the accident, including operator errors and/or misinterpretation of plant instrumentation, and all other aspects of the accident which might lead to information that would improve the safety of nuclear power plants. The recommendations resulting from the President's Commission, the NRC Three Mile Island Special Inquiry Group, and continuing staff investigations will be applied, as appropriate, to the design and operation of nuclear power plants. We expect these recommendations to be available by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. Based on our investigations to date of the accident at Three Mile Island, we believe that allowing the construction at the various plants to proceed for this short period of time will not foreclose modifications to the design and operation that may be required for these plants.

We appreciate your concern and assure you that every effort is being made to protect the health and safety of the public. We hope that the above information is useful to you in assessing your concern.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
E. G. Case

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SEE PREVIOUS YELLOWS FOR CONCURRENCES*

REWRITTEN PER D. VASSALLO

OFFICE	LWR 1	LWR 1	ELD*	LWR*	DPM*	NRR
SURNAME	BBuckley/red	JStolz	DSwanson	SVarga	DVassallo	H. Denton
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Mr. Frank A. Sieverman, Jr.
207 Elyton Road
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Dear Mr. Sieverman:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of August 3, 1979 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which was referred to me for reply. In your letter, you urged that work be halted at nuclear power plants presently under construction until inquiries into the March 28, 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant have been completed.

The NRC staff is currently conducting a thorough investigation of the accident at the Three Mile Island plant. This investigation includes potential design deficiencies in the plant, plant operator response to the accident, including operator errors and/or misinterpretation of plant instrumentation, and all other aspects of the accident which might lead to information that would improve the safety of nuclear power plants. The recommendations resulting from the President's Commission, the NRC Three Mile Island Special Inquiry Group, and continuing staff investigations will be applied, as appropriate, to the design and operation of nuclear power plants. We expect these recommendations to be available by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. Based on our investigations to date of the accident at Three Mile Island, we believe that allowing the construction at the various plants to proceed for this short period of time will not foreclose modifications to the design and operation of the plant that may be required for these plants.

We appreciate your concern and assure you that every effort is being made to protect the health and safety of the public. We hope that the above information is useful to you in assessing your concern.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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REWRITTEN PER VASSALLO

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SURNAME →	BBuckley/red	JStolz	DSwanson	SVarga	DVassallo	HDenton
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Mr. Frank A. Steverman, Jr.
207 Elyton Road
Fayette, Alabama 36555

Dear Mr. Steverman:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of August 3, 1979 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which was referred to me for reply. In your letter, you urged that work be halted at nuclear power plants presently under construction until inquiries into the March 28, 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant have been completed.

~~The~~ The NRC staff is currently conducting a thorough investigation of the accident at the Three Mile Island plant. This investigation includes potential design deficiencies in the plant, plant operator response to the accident, including operator errors and/or misinterpretation of plant instrumentation, and all other aspects of the accident which might lead to information that would improve the safety of nuclear power plants. ~~Before any plants under construction are licensed for operation,~~ The recommendations resulting from the President's Commission, the NRC Three Mile Island Special Inquiry Group, and continuing staff investigations will be applied, as appropriate, to the design and operation of these plants. We expect these recommendations to be available by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. Based on our investigations to date of the accident at Three Mile Island, we believe that allowing the construction at the various plants to proceed for this short period of time will not foreclose modifications to the design and operation of the plant that may be required.

We appreciate your concern and assure you that every effort is being made to protect the health and safety of the public. We hope that the above information is useful to you in assessing your concern.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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REWRITTEN PER VASSALLO

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BURNAME	BBuckley/red	JStollz	DSwanson	SVarga	DVassallo	HDenton
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Mr. Frank A. Sieverman, Jr.
207 Elyton Road
Fayette, Alabama 35555

Dear Mr. Sieverman:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of August 3, 1979 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which was referred to me for reply. In your letter, you urged that work be halted at nuclear power plants presently under construction until inquiries into the March 28, 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant have been completed.

As you know, the NRC staff is currently conducting a thorough investigation of the accident at the Three Mile Island plant. This investigation includes potential design deficiencies in the plant, plant operator response to the accident, including operator errors and/or misinterpretation of plant instrumentation, and all other aspects of the accident which might lead to information that would improve the safety of nuclear power plants. The results of the NRC staff's investigation will be applied to all nuclear power plants, including those under construction. Based on our investigation of the accident at the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 plant, we conclude that allowing the construction at the various plants to proceed will not foreclose the ability of the utilities to make plant modifications that will be required by the NRC. The Alabama Power Company, whom we assume you refer to, will also be required to implement the required modifications, to the extent that they are applicable, at both its operating plant, Farley Unit 1 and Farley Unit 2 whose construction is approximately 76% complete.

We appreciate your concern and assure you that every effort is being made to protect the health and safety of the public. We hope that the above information is useful to you in assessing your concern.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Logging Date 8/14/79

NRC SECRETARIAT

To: ☐ Commissioner☒ Exec. Dir./Oper.☐ Cong. Liaison☐ Public Affairs☐

Date:

☐ Gen. Counsel☐ Solicitor☐ Secretary

Incoming: Frank A. Sieverman

From: Fayette, Alabama

To: NRC

Date: 8/3/79

Subject: concerning the implications of the
TMI disaster☐ Prepare reply for signature of:☐ Chairman☐ Commissioner☐ EDO, GC, CL, SOL, PA, SECY☐ Signature block omitted☐☐ Return original of incoming with response☒ For direct reply*

Suspense: Aug 28

☐ For appropriate action☐ For information☐ For recommendation

Rec'd ON 8/15/79

Date 8/15/79

Time 10:30

Remarks:

For the Commission:

Billie

*Send three (3) copies of reply to Secy Mail Facility