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Ivan Selin, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Chairman:

We are deeply concerned regarding recent revelations about the risks posed to the public due to known steam generator tube cracking at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant (Docket No. 50-344). We are requesting that you act immediately in the interest of public health and safety to resolve this issue.

We became aware of the issue when an internal NRC Staff document, Memorandum for Frank P. Gillespie, Director, Program Management, Policy Development, and Analysis Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation from C.J. Heltemes, Jr., Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, September 28, 1992, was made public on November 23, 1992. We are also aware that on November 24th Mr. Gillespie issued a Memorandum for Mr. Heltemes stating, "Our review of the prioritization analysis has identified several aspects of the analysis that are incorrect and do not accurately reflect operating experience or current licensing positions." The licensee, Portland General Electric (PGE), and state regulator, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), have also adopted this position.

It is now time for the NRC to step forward and be open with public in discussing this issue. We request that you order a public hearing, release all documents to the Public Document Room and the Local Public Document Room in Portland, Oregon, and allow those on our staff who have concerns to explain in writing if their concerns still are valid, specifically the person, or persons, who originally issued the Differing Professional Opinion (DPO). It is our belief that without such a statement resolution of this issue will be impossible.

Sincerely,

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