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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

December 17, 1992

Mr. Eugene Rosolie
133 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Rosolie:

I am responding to your letter of November 30, 1992, to the Commissioners of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In your letter you requested "a public hearing" prior to the restart of Trojan and expressed concerns about the status of the steam generators at the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

As you may know, the staff held a meeting at the Trojan site in Rainier, Oregon, on December 1, 1992, to discuss the cause and repair of the steam generator primary-to-secondary tube leak that occurred on November 9, 1992. This meeting was held to provide an opportunity for Portland General Electric (PGE) to inform the NRC staff on the issues raised in the Confirmatory Action Letter, dated November 13, 1992. The meeting was attended by NRC headquarters personnel, NRC Region V personnel, PGE, and members of the media and general public. The meeting also included a discussion of the proposed emergency technical specification change that was prepared by the licensee.

The licensee recently withdrew its request for the emergency technical specification change and is conducting augmented steam generator tube inspections. It is our understanding that the licensee is evaluating the steam generator tube inspection data and they are considering a range of possible actions that depend on the result of the data evaluation. The NRC staff is following the inspection process and any subsequent request for technical specification amendment closely.

As a result of this information and the interest that you have expressed, I have directed my staff to put you on the service list for the Trojan Nuclear Plant. As such, you will receive all outgoing correspondence related to Trojan. Additionally, I have directed my staff to inform you by telephone if any technical specification amendment request is submitted by the licensee on the current steam generator issue so that you may be aware of the current status of the issue and your rights to request a hearing with respect to any requested license amendment. This should enable you to file a timely application for a formal hearing on any requested amendment.

I would advise you to consult Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), for an understanding of your rights and responsibilities regarding a hearing request; specifically refer to 10 CFR 50.91, and 10 CFR 2.714. In general, you may file a petition for leave to intervene and request a hearing during the notice period on any licensing action proposed by the licensee, or you make any public comment on the no significant hazards determination without requesting a hearing and filing a petition for leave to intervene.

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The staff welcomes informed participation in the licensing process.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Thomas E. Murley

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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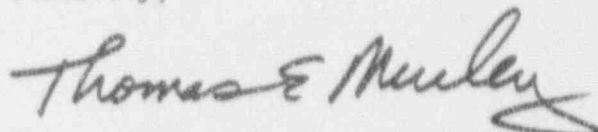
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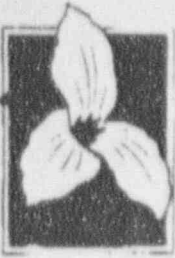
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Thomas E. Murley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES



November 30, 1992

Ivan Selin, Chairman
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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 your staff who have concerns to explain in writing if their concerns still are valid, specifically the person, or persons, who original 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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