



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 11, 1996

The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

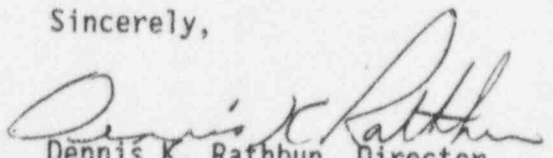
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We have determined that this action is not a "major rule" as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2). We have confirmed this determination with the Office of Management and Budget.

The guidance provided by this action does not impose new requirements on current plants and does not propose a new NRC staff position or seek additional licensee commitments. Therefore, a regulatory analysis was not required.

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Sincerely,


Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
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Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Robert P. Murphy
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Room 7175
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