

December 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino
FROM: Ben B. Hayes, Director
Office of Investigations
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF OPENING OF OI INVESTIGATIONS

The Commission has directed that you be informed whenever OI opens a new investigation. The attached document briefly sets forth information responsive to this requirement. If you desire more detail on any OI investigation, please let me know.

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Investigation Status Record,
Case No. 4-83-030

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January 16, 1984

The Honorable Nunzio Palladino
Chairman
United State Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment invites the Commission to participate on February 9, 1984 in an oversight hearing on the NRC's budget request for fiscal years 1984 and 1985.

As you know, on May 11, 1983 the House Interior Committee favorably reported a bill (H.R. 2510; Report 98-103, Part 1) authorizing appropriations for the NRC during FY 1984 and FY 1985. That legislation still is pending in the House, and a companion bill is under active consideration in the Senate. It is my hope that the Congress will complete action on this legislation sometime this Spring. The hearing on February 9th will provide an opportunity for the Subcommittee to review with the Commission the budget recommendations included in Report 98-103, Part 1. The Subcommittee will be interested to hear the Commission's current thinking on the applicability of those recommendations to the agency's funding needs during the remainder of fiscal year 1984 and during fiscal year 1985.

In addition, it would be helpful to the Subcommittee if the Commission's written testimony addresses the questions attached to this letter.

As in the past, and in keeping with Committee rules, please file a written statement of the Commission's proposed testimony with the Subcommittee at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing on February 9, 1984. Also, please be prepared at the hearing to make a brief oral summary of the Commission's written statement. The Subcommittee also welcomes any separate or dissenting remarks that might be offered by individual commissioners.

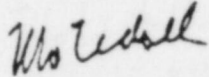
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The Honorable Nunzio Palladino

January 23, 1984

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. on February 9, 1984 in 1327 Longworth House Office Building. I appreciate your attention to these matters, and look forward to your meeting with the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Morris K. Udall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MORRIS K. UDALL
Chairman

QUESTIONS ATTACHED TO CHAIRMAN UDALL'S JANUARY 22, 1984
LETTER TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

1. What are the views of the individual commissioners on the need to extend the Commission's authority to issue temporary operating licenses?
2. When was the Commission informed that NRC staff had ordered a reinspection of the Byron nuclear station? Prior to the January 13, 1984 Atomic Safety and Licensing Board decision, was the Commission aware that the Board regarded the successful completion of that reinspection to be a necessary condition for the issuance of an operating license?
3. What is the present status of the NRC's response to the questions regarding the Waterford nuclear plant posed by The Gambit in October 31, 1983 letters to Mr. Richard DeYoung (Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement), and Mr. John Collins (Administrator, NRC Region IV)?
4. What are the views of individual commissioners on the NRC staff's proposals to change emergency planning regulations to require a "graded response" within a ten-mile radius of commercial nuclear reactors?
5. What is the status of the Commission's study of existing and alternative programs for improving quality assurance and quality control in the construction of commercial nuclear powerplants which was required by Section 13 of Public Law 97-415? When does the Commission expect to submit a final written report to the Congress on this matter.
6. What does the Commission project to be the number of new operating licenses that will be issued for power reactors during the remainder of FY 1984, FY 1985 and in FY 1986?
7. Please provide a status report on the Commission's efforts to bring about an interim consolidation of NRC headquarters staff, including a discussion of the agency's collaboration with the General Services Administration. In addition, please provide a current estimate of the cost in both dollars and efficiency that the Commission believes is attributable to the existing building situation.
8. What are the most significant findings that have emerged in 1983 from NRC supported research?
9. Please provide a statement on the extent to which currently operating reactors comply with the Commission's key safety regulations.

10. When does the Commission expect to make a significant hazards consideration determination pertaining to steam generator repairs at Three Mile Island Unit 1?
11. What criteria does the Commission use to determine whether or not a licensee has sufficient integrity to be allowed to operate a nuclear power plant?
12. What criteria does the Commission use to determine whether or not the licensee has sufficient competence to be allowed to operate a nuclear power plant?
13. For all nuclear plants with valid construction permits, but no operating license as yet, please provide a table which contains the following information: plant name; licensee name; (estimated) completion date of Final Environmental Impact Report (with Supplements, if known); (estimated) completion date of ACRS review; status of public hearings; a list of contested issues admitted in each public hearing; (estimated) completion date of public hearings; current status of FEMA review of emergency preparedness planning around the reactor site; licensee's current estimated date of construction completion; NRC's staff's current estimated date of construction completion; licensee's current estimated date of commercial operation; and, NRC's staff's current estimated date of commercial operation.