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The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for the information of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power
is a revised regulatory guide which is being issued in Division 1,
"Power Reactors."

Regulatory Guide 1.29, Revision 3, "Seismic Design Classification," describes
a method acceptable to the NRC staff for identifying and classifying those
features of light-water-cooled nuclear power plants that should be designed
to withstand the effects of the Safe Shutdown Earthquake and remain func-
tional. This guide was revised as the result of public comments and
additional staff review.

Also enclosed is a Federal Register notice we plan to issue on this matter
within the next few days.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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Robert B. Minogue, Director
Office of Standards Development

Enclosures:

1. Regulatory Guide 1.29, Revision 3
2. Federal Register Notice

cc: The Honorable Clarence J. Brown

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