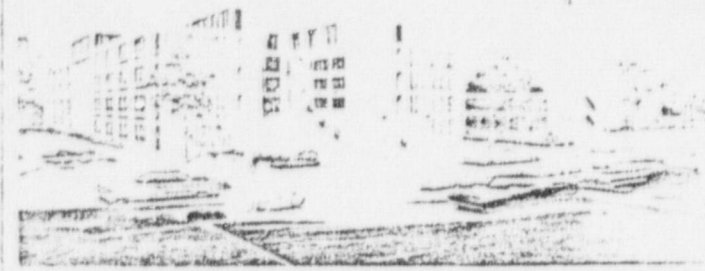


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Robert G. Ryan, Director
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is in reference to the report "Plan for Reevaluation of NRC Policy on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-0436). As you may be aware, Arkansas does have one decommissioned prototype test reactor, namely SEFOR, that was decommissioned some five or six years ago. As a result of this, we have had some experience with a decommissioned reactor that has been "mothballed". I would feel that our experience with the surveillance program in an around SEFOR, the methods of maintaining the facility in an environmentally sound condition, and the system of financial arrangement between its present owner and its former owner would leave some areas that might be worthwhile to discuss in one of your planned workshops. It is quite obvious that if preliminary plans are not made in the initial construction stage, as I believe they were not with SEFOR, decommissioning could easily become a burden on tax payers.

I would think that in addition to the licensing agency in the state where the decommissioned nuclear facility is located, the Public Service Commission, and the State Liaison Officers would be appropriate people to invite to your work shops on this subject. In our case the Public Service Commission is the rate setter, also I would think that if the immediate environs around the facility are to be considered for use in the future, someone from Geology and possibly Land Use would also be appropriate attendees.

Insofar as NUREG-0436 is concerned, I certainly feel it is headed in the right direction, and I am looking forward to participation in its contents in the future.

Sincerely,

E. F. Wilson, Director
Bureau of Environmental Health Services

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