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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
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The Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Dr. Palladino:

Subject: PROCEDURES FOR ACRS REVIEW OF THE NRC LONG-RANGE RESEARCH PLAN

During the ACRS meeting with the Commissioners on June 4, 1982, you asked that we summarize our views on the preparation of an annual ACRS report on the Long-Range Research Plan (LRRP). The memorandum from S. Chilk, SECY, to W. J. Dircks, EDO, (COMJA 80-13) dated April 22, 1980 indicated that we should review and comment on an updated LRRP in February of each year. Accordingly, the first ACRS report, issued April 14, 1981, was on the draft LRRP for FY 1983-FY 1987 (NUREG-0740). Your letter of December 10, 1981 confirmed your interest in receiving ACRS comments on the LRRP, and we issued our second report on April 5, 1982, on the draft LRRP for FY 1984-FY 1988 (NUREG-0784).

We have found the LRRP to be useful; however, the review of the LRRP has involved considerable effort for both us and the NRC Staff. This effort is in addition to that involved in our annual reports on the NRC safety research program and budget to the Commission and the Congress.

We propose that we discontinue our formal report to the Commission on the LRRP. However, we expect to continue to receive the LRRP, both in draft and final form, and we expect to utilize it in our review of and report on the NRC Safety Research Program and Budget for the Commission and the Congress.

We would be pleased to have your comments on this proposed change in procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Shewmon".

P. Shewmon  
Chairman