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Mr. Samuel J. Collins Director  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

This is in reply to your February 1, 2000 letter and the public meeting your agency held in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 28, 2000.

I want to express my appreciation for the action you have taken to explain your agency's processes and the technical work performed on reviewing Carolina Power & Light Company's request to increase the spent nuclear fuel storage capacity at its Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant here in Wake County. The February 28<sup>th</sup> public meeting represents a small step forward in allowing the public to better understand your agency's functions and how your safety reviews are performed. While more needs to be done in this area and be done very early in the review process, I want to encourage you to continue in your efforts to make NRC's operations more open and better understood by the public.

Thank you for the efforts that have been expended to insure the safety of the citizens of North Carolina. We look forward to continuing to work with you on matters pertaining to radiation safety.

Sincerely,

Bill Holman

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