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Mr. Bruce Severance
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Re: Open Letter Concerning Recent Statement Regarding Reactor Pressure Vessel Stress Testing.

Dear Mr. Severance:

As I stated in my email on October 27, 2023, the three emails together with their attachments you sent to the Committee on October 26th were provided to the DCISC Members and Technical Consultants for their consideration. DCISC Chair Dr. Lam has directed that I now provide this response, in the form of an open letter, in order to address and correct a certain statement which the Committee believes to be in error made in the October 2023 Press Release and in the Cover Letter to PG&E and DCISC.

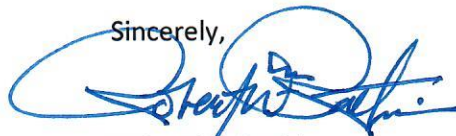
In those documents you state several times that at its June 2023 public meeting the Committee made a recommendation that nanoindentation testing, as developed by Professor Peter Hosemann of the University of California at Berkeley Nuclear Engineering Department, be performed on previously tested and untested irradiated surveillance capsule samples or fragments of same removed from the Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. This statement mischaracterizes the Committee's discussion at the June public meeting and is incorrect in that the DCISC has not taken a position nor has it made a recommendation concerning this technical issue.

Accordingly, while the Committee recognizes and appreciates the extensive investigative review you have devoted to the issue of reactor pressure vessel integrity, in your future correspondence and remarks concerning this matter the Committee would appreciate if you would please take the appropriate action to correct the record to reflect that the Committee has made no recommendation concerning future testing of reactor pressure vessel surveillance samples.

On behalf of the Committee Members, I thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Finally, this letter will also confirm receipt today of your email captioned "Request for nano-indentation RFP" with its attachments which will be provided to our Members and technical staff.

Sincerely,



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