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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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CHAIRMAN

Mr. James Riccio
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Dear Mr. Riccio:

Thank you for your March 17, 2000 letter expressing your views on the need for formal licensing hearings for a high-level nuclear waste repository. The Commission is currently considering possible changes to 10 CFR Part 2 with respect to hearing procedures for different types of proceedings. A copy of your letter has been distributed to all Commissioners to aid in their consideration of those changes. If the Commission should decide to propose changes to the existing hearing requirements applicable to the licensing of a high-level nuclear waste repository, interested stakeholders, such as Public Citizen and the groups and individuals signing your letter, will have an opportunity to submit formal comments.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve

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