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Bill Richardson, DOE

TO:

Chairman Meserve

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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DESC:

Northern New Mexico Fire Recovery Fund

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

For Appropriate Action.





**The Secretary of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

June 1, 2000

The Honorable Richard Meserve  
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North Building  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Meserve:

As you know, fire swept through Northern New Mexico in the last few weeks destroying more than 260 homes and torching more than 47,000 acres. This fire has displaced thousands of Department of Energy workers and their families. I know that each one of us watched television news accounts and saw the damage and devastation wrought by these fires. I have been approached by a number of people asking how they can help, and I suspect that you may also have been approached.

I wanted you to know that I have established a Northern New Mexico Fire Recovery Fund to assist victims of the Los Alamos fires who are employed by the Department of Energy and our contractors. I hope that you will consider contributing to this fund, as well as making your employees aware of this opportunity to give. For this emergency situation, the Office of Personnel Management has graciously agreed to waive its regulations prohibiting the solicitation of Federal employees.

Donations can be sent to: Department of Energy, Attn: Northern New Mexico Fire Recovery Fund, Office of Chief Financial Officer CR-52, P.O. Box 500, Germantown, MD 20874-0500. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Energy and indicate they are for the Northern New Mexico Fire Recovery Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. One hundred percent of the funds collected will go directly to our Federal and contractor employees and their communities. I will be sending you promotional materials under separate cover and would appreciate your displaying these materials.

I thank you for your efforts to assist the victims of the fire. If you should have any questions, please contact Kathy Keith, at 202-586-7922.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson

