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Mr. B.J. Youngblood, Director
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

Enclosed for your information is the final review draft of the U.S. Department of Energy's "Report to Congress on Adequacy of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Plans for Future Waste Generation." The Department plans to submit a letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman on October 15, 1993, requesting the Chairman's views on the report by October 21, 1993. The response provided by the Chairman will be attached to the report when it is submitted to Congress and the President on the statutorily mandated date of October 25, 1993.

The Department has carefully considered the comments provided in your letter dated August 27, 1993. Regarding the two broad comments in the cover letter: (1) the Department has begun considering the issue of waste equivalencies, separate from the Section 803 report; (2) the discussion of miscellaneous radioactive materials in Section 7 was expanded to provide more detail regarding highly enriched uranium. Additionally, applicable sections of the report were revised to incorporate comments 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the enclosure to the letter. Comment 4 was noted, but did not require a change in the report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-586-6046.

Sincerely,

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