

December 22, 2000

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Dear Dr. Kadak:

I am responding to your letter of October 24, 2000, in which you recommended that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) revise its definition of high-level radioactive waste to include Greater Than Class C (GTCC) waste in order to provide a basis for the Department of Energy's (DOE's) acceptance of this material for disposal in a geologic repository. The Commission also has received recent correspondence on this topic from DOE, Maine Yankee, and the State of Maine.

The NRC staff intends to meet with DOE in the near future to discuss GTCC issues. We expect to be able to provide a detailed response to your letter after that meeting, perhaps in early February 2001.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve