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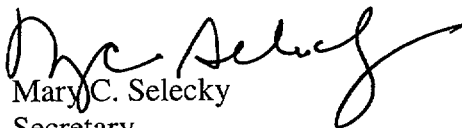
Dear Mr. Lohaus:

I am writing to express my concern over the fuel rods missing from the Millstone facility, and the role of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in verifying the location of those fuel rods. Millstone's Final Report, *Fuel Rod Accountability Project*, indicates that the location of the fuel rods is now limited to four sites. The state of Washington would like a report from the NRC by December 15, which outlines the next steps you plan to take to verify the location of these fuel rods.

With regard to Hanford, we request the NRC to immediately begin working with the state of Washington on evaluating the technical feasibility of using remote monitoring at our commercial disposal site to verify if the fuel rods are or are not there. If it is determined that the fuel rods are not at Hanford, then the NRC investigation can be conducted elsewhere. If remote monitoring were to verify the unauthorized presence of the fuel rods in Washington, we would then work with the NRC to determine the best course of action.

I would appreciate your written response to this request. If you have any questions, please contact John Erickson, (360) 236-3210, or Gary Robertson of our Radiation Protection Program, at (360) 236-3241.

Sincerely,

  
Mary C. Selecky  
Secretary

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