April 12, 2002

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney President of the United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 261 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2017), Section 305 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5875), and Section 108 of the Inspector General Act of 1988 (31 U.S.C. 1105(a)(25)), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is submitting proposed legislation which authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2003. The proposed legislation requests authorization for fiscal year 2003 for "Salaries and Expenses" of \$598,405,000; and for the "Office of Inspector General" of \$7,152,000.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised the Commission that it has no objection to the submission of this proposal to Congress and that its enactment would be in accordance with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

Enclosure: Proposed Legislation Authorizing Appropriations for FY 2003

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