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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 30, 2002

The Honorable Joe Barton, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations concerning the procedures used to collect debts that are owed to the NRC by Federal employees. The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 15 would conform NRC regulations to the legislative changes enacted in the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the amended procedures presented in the Federal Claims Collection Standards issued by the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Justice. This final action is intended to allow the NRC to improve its collection of debts due the United States.

Enclosed is a copy of the final rule which is being transmitted to the *Federal Register* for publication. The final rule will become effective 30 days after publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis K. Rathbun". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: Final Rule - 10 CFR Part 15

cc: Representative Rick Boucher