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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 12, 2002

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. I appreciate your offer of assistance for tasks that may arise if and when the Joint Convention is ratified.

I understand that U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, along with staff from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of State, and the Department of Energy (DOE) were instrumental in negotiation of the Joint Convention and have continued to coordinate efforts during the ratification process. I also value your insight from the Convention on the Nuclear Safety implementation process and will ensure that my staff continue to draw on NRC experience in this endeavor.

The DOE continues to be a strong advocate for nuclear safety and the Joint Convention. The Offices of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the Office of Environmental Management will jointly carry out this assignment, and will share the resource commitments. Mr. Jeffrey R. Williams, Director, Systems Engineering and International Division, is the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management representative and can be reached at (202) 586-9620. Ms. Patrice M. Bubar, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Integration and Disposition, is the Office of Environmental Management representative and can be reached at (202) 586-5151.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or Mr. Dan R. Brouillette, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Abraham".

Spencer Abraham

