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# NWSC

**Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition**

April 29, 2003

The Honorable, Nils J. Diaz, PhD.  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
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Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Dear Dr. Diaz:

On behalf of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC) I would like to congratulate you on your promotion as Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

The NWSC is an ad hoc group of state utility regulators, state attorneys general, electric utilities and associate members representing 46 member organizations in 25 states. The NWSC was formed in 1993 out of frustration at the lack of progress by the DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) to develop a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste. The mission and purpose of the NWSC is to seek on behalf of the ratepayers of the United States:

- 1) The removal of commercial SNF from 72 temporary storage sites located in 33 states.
- 2) The authorization of a temporary, centralized commercial SNF storage facility.
- 3) The allocation of appropriate funds from the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) by the U.S. Congress to the DOE so that it will fulfill its statutory and contractual obligations.
- 4) The capping of the NWF payments at the present one-tenth of a cent per kilowatt-hour by the U.S. Congress.
- 5) The operation of the permanent repository by 2010.
- 6) The augmentation of transportation planning and regulations to facilitate transportation systems.

The licensing application process and transportation related issues are of particular interest to us. We look forward to working with you in the future and meeting you when the NWSC next meets in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,



LeRoy Koppendraye  
Chairman

Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner, and  
Chairman, Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition