April 9, 2003

The Honorable Sherwood L. Boehlert, Chairman
Committee on Science
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested by your staff, although we do not seek this additional work, I am confirming that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission still believes that we are fully capable of regulating non-weapons Department of Energy nuclear facilities to the benefit of the American public. The Commission would be able to undertake this additional responsibility if the Congress were to assign it to us and provide the requisite fiscal and staffing resources and legislation as we testified before your Committee in July of 1999. Without the specific scope of legislation, we would be unable to provide cost estimates.

Sincerely,

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