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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

EPA RESPONSES TO OUESTIONS FROM SENATOR GLENN

AND SENATOR LIEBERMAN (NMSS-9200364)

As requested, my staff has reviewed EPA's response to Question 9 regarding EPA's high-level waste standard (40 CFR 191). EPA indicates in the response that they plan to send a proposed rule to OMB for clearance by the end of summer and issue a final rule by Fall 1993.

Based on our discussions with EPA management, we recommend the following comment:

"We have been advised by EPA management that EPA anticipates sending a proposed rule to OMB for clearance in October 1992. Further, we believe that issuing a final rule by Fall 1993 may be optimistic."

If you have any questions regarding the above subject, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret V. Federline (504-3455).

Original Signed by

B. J. Youngblood, Director Division of High-Level Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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