

November 17, 1993

The Honorable Robert S. Walker
United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3816

Dear Congressman Walker:

Thank you for your recent letter to me regarding Mr. Theodore D. Kachel's concern resulting from the October 17, 1993, "60 Minutes" story "The \$12 Billion Clean Up" about U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) cleanup efforts at various DOE weapons production facilities.

After a thorough review of a video tape of the referenced "60 Minutes" program by my staff, we have determined that the DOE is the appropriate agency to respond to the concerns expressed by Mr. Kachel related to the manufacture of glass ingots from nuclear waste. The manufacture of such ingots is the responsibility of DOE. Consequently, we are forwarding your letter to Mr. Grumbly of DOE who is better able to respond to Mr. Kachel's concerns. A copy of our referral letter is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
James M. Taylor
James M. Taylor
Executive Director
for Operations

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November 15, 1993

Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Grumbly:

You will find, enclosed for your response, a request from Congressman Robert S. Walker for information related to the manufacture of glass ingots from nuclear waste. The inquiry is in behalf of a constituent, Mr. Theodore D. Kachel, who expressed concerns regarding an October 17, 1993, story on "60 Minutes" on this subject. There was no enclosure to Congressman Walker's letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert M. Bernero", is positioned above the typed name.

Robert M. Bernero, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

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