

November 2, 1998

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SUBJECT: NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL PETITION REGARDING U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION LICENSING AUTHORITY OVER SAVANNAH RIVER SITE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE TANKS

Dear Mr. Schepens:

Enclosed for your information is a letter from a private citizen, Mr. Robert Bernero, who offers his personal comments on: (1) the July 28, 1998 petition from the Natural Resources Defense Council regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) licensing authority over Savannah River high-level waste tanks; and (2) the June 30, 1998, NRC request to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for additional information (letter from K. Stablein, NRC, to R. Schepens, DOE) regarding the staff's review of DOE's methodology for classification of residual wastes in Savannah River tanks.

Sincerely,

orig. signed by:

John T. Greeves, Director
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

cc: T. Cochran, NRDC
R. Bernero

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