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Mr. Robert M. Bernero, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.c 20555-001

Dear Mr. Bernero:

Secretary O'Leary has asked me to thank you for your comments on the Department of Energy's May 25, 1994 Notice of Inquiry which addressed waste acceptance issues regarding the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel at reactor sites beyond 1998.

We will be considering your views, along with those received from other stakeholders, in formulating our response to the issues raised in the Notice of Inquiry.

The Department of Energy recognizes that the safe and timely disposal of the Nation's radioactive wastes is one of our country's premier environmental challenges. As we move forward to implement a Federal waste management system that serves the best interests of this Nation, your continuing interest in the Department's mission of meeting that challenge is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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