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Dade W. Moeller, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Moeller:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1988 in which the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste provided its comments on the terminology used in the draft generic technical position on anticipated processes and events and unanticipated processes and events. Your comments have been taken into account in the draft package that will be submitted within the next few months for my approval to formally begin the rulemaking process.

The staff has considered using new terms or phrases which better reflect the intended usage. There is a strong interrelationship, however, between the terms "anticipated processes and events," "unanticipated processes and events," and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) terminology. Therefore, the staff believes that terminology modifications should not be considered until the EPA standard (40 CFR 191) has been finalized. When the NRC prepares the conforming rule modifications to allow implementation of the finalized EPA standard, the potential for change in terminology will again be considered.

Thank you again for your comments and we look forward to your further contributions to this rulemaking activity.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
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Sincerely,
~~Original Signed By:~~
~~James M. Taylor~~
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Executive Director for Operations

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