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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

Daniel A. Dreyfus, Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management
U. S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Dreyfus:

Enclosed are advance copies of Federal Register notices for: 1) a partial grant of a petition for rulemaking (PRM), PRM-60-3, submitted on April 19, 1990, by the Department of Energy (DOE), that requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish accident dose criteria for a geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste (Enclosure 1); and 2) proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 60, "Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste in Geologic Repositories," regarding "Design Basis Events for the Geologic Repository Operations Area," for public comment (Enclosure 2). These Federal Register notices will be published within a few days.

As stated in the Federal Register notices, the Commission believes that the DOE petition has merit in particular respects and, as such, has incorporated certain elements of DOE's petition into the proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 60. The Commission does not agree with the other elements of DOE's petition. Thus, for reasons as described in the Federal Register notices, the Commission has granted in part, and denied in part, the DOE petition for rulemaking.

Sincerely,

John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

- (1) FRN on Partial Grant/Partial Denial of DOE Rulemaking Petition
- (2) Proposed Amendments to 10 CFR Part 60

cc: See attached list

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Letter to Daniel A. Dreyfus
Subject: 10 CFR 2.801 and 10 CFR Part 60

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