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Mr. John Bradburne
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Dear Mr. Bradburne:

I am writing to thank you for coordinating the meeting between Robin Bordie of my staff and N.R.C. representatives regarding the site selection of the low-level nuclear dump site in Texas. As you know, a site in Hudspeth County has been tentatively selected, raising a great deal of interest among my constituents.

The application and licensing procedures described to Ms. Bordie during the meeting are of interest both to myself and to individuals in my district who are actively involved in the issue. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to summarize some of the points discussed to make sure that my understanding is clear:

- * The Texas Low-Level Nuclear Authority is solely responsible for the site-selection process and development of applications for licensing.
- * After a site has been tentatively selected, an application is submitted to the licensing authority, in this case, the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control.
- * A copy of the application is submitted by the Department of Health to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for information.
- * After an application has been received, the Department of Health must hold public hearings regarding the site selection.

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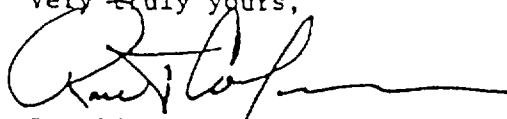
- * If an outside group feels that any reservations concerning the site selection or licensing process remain unresolved by the hearings, it may pursue the matter in the Texas courts.
- * If a licensed site is found to be in violation of the selection criteria, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can require the site to be closed, any stored waste to be exhumed and the selection process restarted.

Since I intend to communicate this information formally to interested constituents, I would appreciate it if you could review the contents of this letter and let me know if I have misrepresented any facts. The purpose of this exercise is to clarify which institutions are responsible at each stage for the site's selection, licensing, construction, management and regulation.

I would appreciate any comments or clarifications you can offer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Ronald D. Coleman
Member of Congress

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