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Dear Dr. Ertle:

This is in response to your letter of July 25, 1993, regarding the nuclear waste in the State of Washington. For your information, I am enclosing the following documents:

- 1. Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Energy," Part 60, "Disposal of High-Level Wastes in Geologic Repositories" (10 CFR 60).
- 2. "Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste in Geologic Repositories; Licensing Procedures - Statements of Consideration" for 10 CFR 60.
- 3. The "Final Ruling on the Hanford Petition" which was submitted by the States of Washington and Oregon requesting a change in the definition of high-level nuclear waste.

Because the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) mission is that of a regulator responsible for the licensing of a repository, the first two items are the only information available from the NRC. They contain those safety requirements that apply to the disposal of high-level waste, and provide a discussion of the considerations given when the regulations were promulgated. The third item is the final ruling by the Commission in regard to the Hanford Petition.

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is more directly responsible for the disposal of nuclear waste; and therefore has a vast amount of public information on these subjects. The DOE office responsible for this information is located at the following address:

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U. S. Department of Energy
Attn: Public Information
1000 Independence Ave., S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20585

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If you have any other questions regarding the NRC, you may contact Anne Garcia of my staff at (301) 504-2438.

Sincerely,

/s/

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