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May 6, 1985

Commissioner Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

On March 22, 1985, the State of Texas submitted comments on Proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 60, "Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste in Geologic Repositories: Amendments to Licensing Procedures."

We have commented informally, in the past, on the primary areas of interest in these amendments which involve both the role of the NRC during site screening and site characterization activities, and the matter of state, tribal and public interaction in NRC activities with respect to geologic repositories. We have taken a considerable interest in these amendments, which I believe is reflected in our continuing comments of both a preliminary and a formal nature, yet judging by the substance and content of the Proposed amendments, I believe there is an incomplete understanding of our concerns and those of other interested parties.

In order to attempt to further clarify the issues relevant to the amendment of 10 CFR Part 60 addressed in the proposal, I am requesting that a meeting be scheduled to provide an opportunity for discussion of the matter between the Commission and the affected parties. I am not proposing a Public Hearing, but rather am requesting a meeting of a type similar to that held by the Commission on the DOE siting guidelines (10 CFR Part 960) in which there was an opportunity to discuss the issues of concern directly with the Commission in a constructive and informative manner.

I look forward to your consideration of this request, which is made in light of the productive relationship that has developed between affected states and tribes and the Commission. If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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