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The Honorable James M. Jeffords
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6175

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, I enclose a copy of the financial disclosure report filed by Jeffery S. Merrifield, who has been nominated by President Bush for the position of Commissioner, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

We have reviewed the report and have also obtained advice from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission concerning any possible conflict in light of its functions and the nominee's proposed duties. Also enclosed is a letter dated May 7, 2002, from Mr. Merrifield to the Commission's ethics official, outlining the steps which Mr. Merrifield will take to avoid conflicts of interest.

Based thereon, we believe that Mr. Merrifield is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing conflicts of interest.

Sincerely,


Amy L. Comstock
Director

Enclosures

bcc: / U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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