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Honorable Bill Bradley  
United States Senator  
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Dear Senator Bradley:

This is in response to your correspondence of June 14, 1996 to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Associate Administrator, Robert W. Hickmott, which has been forwarded to me for a reply. The letter was sent on behalf of your constituents, Mrs. Joanne Lucarelli and Ms. Carolyn R. Vadala, who had requested information concerning the cleanup status at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation facility in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The Emergency and Remedial Response Division of EPA Region 2 has not investigated, nor has information on file, regarding this facility. However, my staff contacted Mr. Mark Roberts of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) who informed us that the facility in question is licensed by the NRC and is undergoing remediation with NRC oversight. Since the NRC has the lead regulatory role in this matter and in order to expedite a response to your information request, I am referring your correspondence, by copy of this letter, to Charles W. Hehl, Director, NRC Region I Division of Nuclear Materials Safety. Mr. Hehl can be reached at:

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Mr. Roberts also informed us that the group that initiated the correspondence with your office, W.E. C.A.R.E., has contacted him directly during the week of August 5, 1996. He confirmed with this office that he would respond to their correspondence shortly, and address concerns regarding public access to information related to the site remediation.

My staff also contacted Stephen Myers of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) who confirmed that the DEP plans additional remedial work at this site under the authority of the Industrial Site Responsibility Act (ISRA). The DEP plans action that will address residual contamination remaining after the current NRC supervised site remediation.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please let me know or have your staff contact Jeane Rosianski, Chief, Intergovernmental Affairs Branch at (212) 637-3654.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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