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Ms. Edith Holleman  
Counsel  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Holleman:

During the last Congress you expressed a continued interest in the decision by the State of Tennessee concerning the release of nickel containing low levels of radioactive material by one of its licensees, Manufacturing Sciences Corporation (MSC). I am enclosing information on the activities of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) relative to the MSC license over the past year.

On November 27, 2000, the NRC staff issued its final Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report of the NRC's review of the Tennessee Agreement State program (Enclosure 1). NRC staff continued to review the MSC licensing action by the State of Tennessee and issued an additional report. The final report of the NRC review of the MSC licensing action was sent to Mr. L. E. Nanney of Tennessee on December 18, 2000, and is enclosed (Enclosure 2).

In response to your request for all documents pertaining to the MSC evaluation and dose assessment, we have assembled additional internal correspondence related to the staff activities in these areas. Those documents have been collated and cataloged and are enclosed (Enclosure 3). The additional documents and the results of our further review do not change any of the earlier information we provided to you.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Rathbun  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosures:

1. November 27, 2000 Final IMPEP Report
2. Final Report of the NRC Review of the  
MSC Licensing Action
3. NRC Internal Correspondence Related  
the MSC Evaluation and Dose Assessment

cc: Dwight Cates

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