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Mr. Roger Strelow
Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D. C. 20021

Dear Mr. Strelow:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of October 21, concerning Dr. Egeberg's letter of October 5.

As I mentioned, we are in the process of revising our present procedures with respect to the preparation of environmental statements. Heretofore, we have requested applicants for construction permits and operating licenses for nuclear power reactors and fuel reprocessing plants to submit an environmental report discussing the environmental factors specified in section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, and this report was then distributed to the various Federal agencies for comment.

It is our intention in the future that, after we have received the applicant's environmental report, we will prepare a draft environmental statement and submit both our draft statement and the applicant's report to the agencies for comment. As I also indicated on the telephone, we will not be able to put this procedure into effect immediately, and the next few environmental reports which you receive for comment probably will not include our draft environmental statement.

We appreciate HEW's assistance in the review of these statements.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Chris L. Henderson

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