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Mr. Victor Stello
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

SUBJECT: ACRS COMMENTS ON THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
ON THE DEFINITION OF "HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE"

During the 323rd meeting of the ACRS, March 5-7, 1987, a discussion was held with the NRC Staff relative to the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Definition of "High-Level Radioactive Waste." This topic was also discussed during a meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Waste Management on February 19 and 20, 1987.

On the basis of this review, we believe that the approach being taken by the NRC Staff is reasonable. We support the Staff's efforts to base the definition of high-level radioactive waste on the associated risks; it should not be based on the source of the waste. Such an approach will provide for better protection of the public as well as better allocation of resources.

We plan to offer additional comments on this matter after responses from the public have been received and evaluated by the NRC Staff.

Sincerely,

William Kerr
Chairman

Reference:

1. Draft Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 60
Definition of "High-Level Radioactive Waste" (undated -- received
about February 1, 1987)

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