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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Palladino:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF RADIATION PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS

As discussed with you and the other Commissioners during our meeting on May 8, 1986, the ACRS believes that the NRC should provide funds in support of the programs of certain key radiation protection organizations. These include the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, the International Commission on Radiological Protection, and the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation.

In addition to the preparation of recommendations for radiation protection standards, these organizations provide advice on subjects such as the biological effects of ionizing radiation, radioactive waste management, environmental radionuclide transport and surveillance, and emergency planning. We believe that the work of these organizations is basic to the operations of the NRC and that support of these groups is one of the most cost-effective methods available to the NRC for the development of independent advice on these and related matters.

Sincerely,

David A. Ward
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