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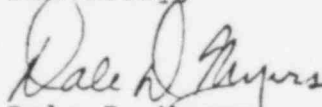
Dr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear. Dr. Hendrie:

Your letter of July 7, 1978, to Secretary Schlesinger, concerning disposal of commercial low-level waste deals with basic issues and problems which we agree require early resolution.

Because of the complexity of the issues, we agree that appropriate NRC and DOE staff need to work together to examine possible solutions in enough depth to provide a sound basis for decisions. This approach would need to take into account implementation plans being generated by the Interagency Review Group. The DOE contact will be Dr. Goetz K. Oertel, Acting Director of the Division of Waste Products, telephone 353-3641.

Sincerely,


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Under Secretary

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