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Mrs. Rollee Efros Assistant General Counsel U.S. General Accounting Office Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mrs. Efros:

This is in response to your request of May 11, 1979 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's comments on the legal bases for Governor Riley's statement and actions regarding the disposal of low-level waste at Chem-Nuclear's facility at Barnwell, South Carolina. As you may know, Congressman Dingell asked for our views on the same matters. These matters presented substantial issues which required some time to analyze. The Commission has now completed its consideration of these issues and has recently transmitted its reply to Congressman Dingell. A copy of that reply is enclosed. We believe it fully responds to your request. If you have further questions on these matters, the Commission will be pleased to provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hendrie

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