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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRMAN

August 14, 1979

The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is hereby submitting a statement on the Commission actions being taken with regard to the recommendations made by the Comptroller General of the United States in a report entitled, "Higher Penalties Could Deter Violations of Nuclear Regulations." The Commission's response to the GAO report is enclosed.

As you are aware, the response to this report is past due. This delay was necessitated by the unexpected and heavy demands on the NRC staff in the aftermath of the accident at Three Mile Island.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman

Enclosure:
Response to GAO Report

cc: Sen. Alan Simpson

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