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September 13, 1979

The Honorable Joseph Hendrie
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to ask your assistance for an informal study being conducted by some members of the Arizona State Legislature's House of Representatives. This group, headed by Rep. Marge Ollson, has initiated an inquiry into the condition and regulation of a low level waste burial site operated by the University of Arizona near the town of Oracle, Arizona. The group would be interested in the following information:

1. A description of the regulatory responsibilities for this site of the State and the Federal government, and of the regulatory relationship between those bodies.

2. A copy of regulations and guidelines enforced by the NRC for licensing of similar types of waste disposal, and a comparison of these with the regulations enforced by the State for the Oracle facility.

3. Information regarding the extent to which the NRC has made on-site inspections of the Oracle facility, including the dates of inspections over the past several years, if any, and any inspection reports which may exist.

4. Any correspondence which may exist concerning the site or related University of Arizona activities between the University and the Commission.

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I would greatly appreciate being able to make this information available to the group as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Morris K. Udall
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