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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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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:

On March 30, 1979, the Comptroller General of the United States submitted a report entitled "Areas Around Nuclear Facilities Should Be Better Prepared for Radiological Emergencies". One of the recommendations for the NRC in that report was:

"The Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, should establish an emergency planning zone of about 10 miles around all nuclear power plants as recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency/Nuclear Regulatory Commission Task Force, and require licensees to modify their emergency plans accordingly."

In my response to you on June 26, 1979, I stated that the Commission would give careful consideration to the recommendations of the NRC/EPA Task Force Report.

I now wish to inform you that the Commission has accepted and endorses the guidance contained in the task force report and we have published a Federal Register Notice announcing this endorsement (enclosure 1). We have directed the staff to begin to incorporate the guidance into existing documents and to incorporate it into a proposed new rule on emergency planning.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman

Enclosure:  
As stated.

cc: Senator Alan Simpson

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