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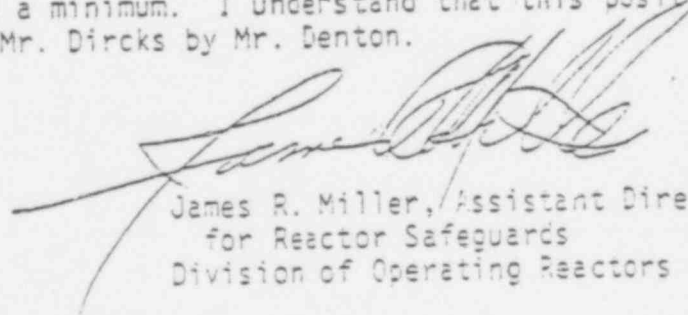
NOTE TO: Thomas Rehm, Assistant to the Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: NRR POSITION ON SAFEGUARDING SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS  
(PROPOSED RULE)

As I have indicated to you and the staff's of NMSS and SD on several occasions the NRR staff has several areas of concern with the draft Sandia Report which is used as the basis for the subject rule. These concerns have been discussed in detail several times; however, until such time as the Sandia Report can be finalized and receive a thorough peer review NRR has no objection to the interim safeguards procedures as proposed by NMSS.

From our perspective, the most important interim safeguard proposed is route planning so that shipments thru areas of high population density are kept at a minimum. I understand that this position was discussed with Mr. Dircks by Mr. Denton.



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