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The Honorable Jack Brooks
Chairman, Committee on Government Operations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of February 14, 1979, for the procedures used to ensure that NRC will be in full compliance with provisions of Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970.

Within NRC, the Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA) has been designated by the Commission to serve as liaison with the General Accounting Office (GAO). Under procedures established in August 1975 for coordination of GAO activities within NRC, GAO provides OIA with 25 copies of all its reports dealing with NRC. Upon receipt of a GAO report, OIA reviews it to determine whether it contains recommendations to the Chairman, NRC, which require a response under Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act. If there is any doubt about the need for a Section 236 statement, OIA checks with the GAO staff that prepared the report.

OIA then prepares a memorandum distributing the report to the Commission, Commission staff offices, the Executive Director for Operations, and other interested offices within NRC. This memorandum states whether or not a Section 236 statement is required and identifies the date the statement is due to the Congressional committees. The Executive Director for Operations is then responsible for preparing and coordinating a draft statement for consideration by the Commission. Suspense dates are assigned by the Executive Director for Operations for preparing the statements, and preparation of the statements is monitored by the Executive Director for Operations to assure that the established schedules are met and that sufficient time is allowed for administrative processing and Commission review.

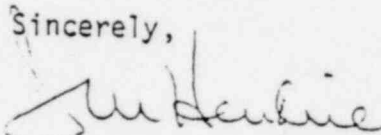
NRC also prepares annual statements of actions taken during each year in response to recommendations contained in GAO reports for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as required by Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act. This statement is compiled by OIA based on all 60-day responses prepared during the year. The Executive Director for Operations then updates these statements and includes any actions taken during that year on prior years' GAO reports.

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Since NRC was established in January 1975, we have prepared statements for 33 GAO reports as required by Section 236. While our compliance to date with the 60-day response deadline has been reasonably good, the need to thoroughly consider and respond to each GAO recommendation sometimes delays our responses. A renewed awareness and commitment by NRC has been undertaken to improve our performance in meeting the deadlines included in Section 236.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman

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Honorable Joseph Hendrie, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, over the course of the 95th Congress, renewed emphasis was given to reducing fraud and waste and improving economy and efficiency in the Federal Government. Because the need to spend tax dollars frugally has never been greater, more attention will be directed in this area during the coming 96th Congress.

The rules of the House of Representatives place the primary responsibility for examining Government economy and efficiency with the Committee on Government Operations. We will call on the General Accounting Office to assist the work of the Committee to an unprecedented degree. In order for the work of the GAO to be most useful, it will be particularly important for all Federal agencies to fully comply with Section 236 of the Reorganization Act of 1970 (31 U.S.C. 1176) which states in part:

Whenever the General Accounting Office has made a report which contains recommendations to the head of any Federal agency, such agency shall--
(1) not later than sixty days after the date of such report, submit a written statement to the Committees of Government Operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the actions taken by such agency with respect to such recommendations;...

Since this is a mandatory requirement which cannot be waived, I would appreciate your advising me of the procedures used to ensure that your agency will be in full compliance with provisions of Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970.

Sincerely,

Jack Brooks
JACK BROOKS
Chairman

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April 6, 1979

The Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr.
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lujan:

Thank you for your letters of March 9, 1979 to the other Commissioners and me concerning the interpretation of Sections 204(e) and 204(h)(1) of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978.

The NRC staff submitted a paper to the Commission for its consideration on implementation of the Act. The Commission met on March 7, 1979 to discuss the matter. At that meeting, the State of New Mexico was represented by an assistant attorney general who requested we defer any decision until receiving a formal submission from the State. He expected such a submission would be forthcoming within a few weeks. We have, since that time, received the State of New Mexico's submission and are taking its views under advisement. In addition, we have requested additional information from other interested parties and expect to consider the matter further in the near future.

My fellow Commissioners and I appreciate your interest in this matter and wish to assure you that your views will be fully considered. We will inform you of any position the NRC takes regarding the applicability of the three year period to mill licensing actions in Agreement States when our deliberations are completed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
 Joseph M. Hendrie

Joseph M. Hendrie
 Chairman

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