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Chairman John W. Hendrie  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

Discussions are now underway between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy concerning the present and future jurisdiction of the Norton and Attleboro, Massachusetts sites at which radioactive materials have been found.

It is critical that in this transition phase I be kept fully informed of all U.S. government activities. It now appears likely that the project will be transferred to the Department of Energy. However, until this transfer has been completed, I request that I be kept up to date on a regular basis by the NRC Region I office. Past up-dates have been most helpful to me since I regularly travel to the 10th Congressional District and am often asked about the status of NRC activities.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention a problem that must be addressed by the appropriate federal agency. It is my understanding that surface soil in the area of the Attleboro landfill site has been displaced since the original tests were undertaken in December of 1978. Therefore, to assure that no radioactive material is presently on the surface or near the surface, I request that when boring tests are underway, they include the Attleboro landfill. Should the project be transferred to the Department of Energy, I assure you will forward my request.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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