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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I understand that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission receives quarterly reports from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. of West Valley, New York, concerning fuel received or removed from the spent fuel pool at Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. I would like to know if I could receive these reports from the U.S. NRC. If so, how long after you receive the report from NFS would it take for you to mail me a copy? Please mail me the most recent report from NFS on this and all reports for 1978.

If NFS decides to receive a shipment of spent fuel, do they have to notify the NRC prior to their receipt of the shipment? Does NFS have to notify anyone? If the NRC is notified would it be possible for you to notify me in advance of the shipments receipt at NFS, Inc.?

In regards to the defective pan under the high level waste tank at NFS, Inc., I have a few questions. I understand that the NRC has met with NFS since this defect was found in mid-December 1978. I would like to know if trip reports or transcripts were made from these meetings? If so, is there anyway for me to obtain copies? If not, is there anyway for me to get an idea of what went on at these meetings? How often and where do the NRC and NFS, Inc. meet?

To the U.S. NRC's knowledge, is NFS, Inc. doing anything or have they done anything about the defect in the pan? Do they, to the NRC's knowledge, have any plans to do anything about the pan before they leave the site? Has NFS, Inc. contracted with Dupont or anyone else to work on the pan problem? Does the NRC believe that the defective pan is a problem? Does the NRC believe the pan is in good condition?

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Is the alarm system in the pan working? Would the alarm be triggered if the nuclear wastes started to leak? Does the NRC believe <sup>max</sup> that high level wastes tank's alarm system is in full, good working order?

I understand that before the land was completely filled in around this same high level waste tank winter came and construction was halted, is this correct? I understand the following spring, this tank actually floated, is this correct? When it resettled, did it resettle straight? I would like copies of correspondence that took place between NFS, Inc and the NRC OR / AND <sup>the</sup> AEC concerning this and, any and all, remedial actions. What was the date of the floatation and the remedial actions? Who performed the remedial action? Does the NRC believe the remedial actions taken were proper and adequate? Did the spare tank float, also?

Who sets the earthquake criteria for <sup>the</sup> spent fuel pool at NFS, Inc.? Who sets the earthquake criteria for an AFR? What are the <sup>earthquake</sup> criteria for the NFS pool and an AFR?

Does the NRC and NFS have a plan of action in the event the water leaks out of the fuel pool at NFS and can't be refilled because the crack in the pool is too big?

If the U.S. NRC is unable to answer all of the questions in this letter, advise me as to who can.

Finally, I would like to know why in the press release concerning the defect in the pan, the NRC failed to mention that the tank had floated - was this overlooked or just considered unimportant?

Sincerely,  
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P.S. If it will take you more than 21 days to answer this letter, please let me know. Thank you.