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National Academy of Sciences
ATTN: Mr. Bernard L. Kropp
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Washington, DC 20418

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Dear Mr. Kropp:

Subject: Contract NRC 02-77-003

As you are aware, the subject contract expired on August 15, 1978. By that time we had received only several draft copies, prepublication, of a final report. By early November 1978, following many conversations between your technical staff and the staff of NRC, we were furnished a camera ready copy of the prepublication draft. During those conversations, we learned that you had independently solicited comments on the publication from the Department of Energy. This act was not required in the contract, and clearly it was not then, nor now is it condoned. Such comments from the Department of Energy if incorporated in the final report would be viewed as seriously degrading the independent research of the National Academy.

We have since been assured many times that we would receive a camera ready copy of the final report which would permit the NRC to publish and distribute this very valuable report to the waiting public.

Additionally, the contract in Article II describes an interim report regarding the draft proposed performance criteria for high level waste solid material (NUREG 0279). This report was due at the NRC on January 15, 1977. We have not yet received this report.

Any comments or questions you may have should be addressed to Mr. Craig D. Lebo or me at 427-4480.

Sincerely,

Original
Dennis

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