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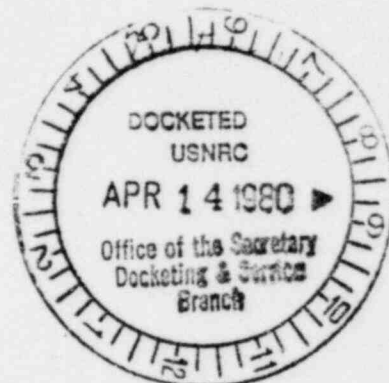
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Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Recently, the Director of the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources submitted comments to you concerning the proposed rule for disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLW) in geologic repositories; proposed licensing procedures.

This subject is one of considerable interest and concern to me and the purpose of this letter is to give my full support to the comments offered by Director Peter J. Walley. I feel that the comments and suggestions offered are valid issues and concerns and I urge you to give them full consideration in your evaluation for issuance of the final rule.

I think it is essential that the states be made full partners in the activities of site characterization.

Also, of the deepest concern to me is the fact that too many Federal agencies are involved in this process. I think it is absolutely essential that clearly defined roles and responsibilities must be established for each of the participating Federal agencies and one agency must have the lead role in dealing with the states on these issues.

Your full consideration of the issues raised by the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources will be appreciated. A copy of the letter submitted by the Department is attached for your convenience.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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