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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman, U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Joe:

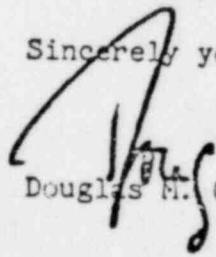
In view of the anticipated Executive Order establishing the Radiation Policy Council, I believe that some preliminary actions should be taken to avoid delay in meeting the expected completion dates indicated in the draft Order. The draft Order indicates that the first report to the President, on public information, will be required no later than April 1, 1980. Any preliminary actions are, of course, subject to changes by the final Executive Order.

The first thing we need to do is appoint members to the Council. As indicated in the draft Executive Order, the members must be of the rank of Assistant Secretary or equivalent. Please let me know the name of your designee to the Council.

As plans for the first Council meeting move along, I will be forwarding information to your designee as well as soliciting recommendations on future actions. I hope to schedule the first meeting in December.

I look forward to working with you on this important task.

Sincerely yours,


Douglas M. Costle

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February 4, 1980

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Dear Mr. Costle:

In view of the need to avoid delay in initiating the activities of the Federal Radiation Policy Council, I agree with your intention that we should undertake necessary preliminary steps. As you requested in your letter of November 30, 1979, I hereby designate Mr. Robert B. Minogue to be the NRC representative on the Council. Mr. Minogue's position as Director, Office of Standards Development is equivalent, in our view, to that of an Assistant Secretary in a cabinet level department as required by the recent draft of the Executive Order that would form the Council. As you indicated in your letter, changes in the final Executive Order might necessitate a different level of Agency representation. I also noted that recently introduced legislation might also require such a change.

Bob Minogue represented the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the Federal Task Force on the Health Effects of Ionizing Radiation (Libassi-Cotton Task Force) and in several Congressional hearings on this topic held by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Government Operations. In his role as Director, Office of Standards Development, Bob Minogue is directly involved with developing radiation protection standards for all areas within NRC's responsibilities. Therefore, we believe that he is well qualified to be our representative on the Council.

We fully support the work that the Council will undertake to provide better coordination and oversight of Federal radiation protection activities. Increased coordination and improved effectiveness of Federal radiation programs will provide more uniform and more complete protection of public health and safety from ionizing radiation.

Sincerely,

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All Commissioners have concurred.

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