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The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr. Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are five copies of our report to the Chairman, Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Subcommittee, House Committee on Government Operations, entitled Nuclear Regulation: NRC's Decommissioning Procedures and Criteria Need to Be Strengthened (GAO/RCED-89-119).

This report contains recommendations to you. As you know, 31 U.S.C. 720 requires the head of a federal agency to submit a written statement on actions taken on our recommendations to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on Government Operations not later than 60 days after the date of this letter and to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with the agency's first request for appropriations made more than 60 days after the date of this letter.

We are also sending 10 copies of this report to your Executive Director for Operations for distribution within your agency. In addition, copies will be sent to the Director, Office of Management and Budget.

We appreciate the courtesies extended by your staff during our review.

Sincerely yours,

J. Dexter Peach

Assistant Comptroller General

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