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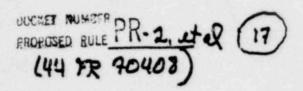
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February 28, 1980

Mr. Michael Bell High Level Waste Technical Development Branch Division of Waste Management U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Bell:

I have had the opportunity to review the Federal Register Notice concerning the Disposal of High Level Radioactive Wastes in Geological Repositories Proposed Licensing Procedures.

I was pleased to see the provisions made for State participation in the entire regulatory procedure.

I do not believe, however, that it will ever be appropriate for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to terminate a license for a repository after decommissioning. Provisions must be made for adequate federal funding to support a monitoring and possible control program to be administered by the State after decommissioning.

Very truly yours,

Arthur T. Heubner

Director, Radiation Control

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