

UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

ENERGY AND MINERALS

October 19, 1979

The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Dr. Hendrie:

Enclosed is one copy of a draft report entitled "Opportunities to Improve the Effectiveness of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." We are also providing one copy to each of the other Commissioners and 25 copies to the Director, Office of Inspector and Auditor.

The report, required by the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, is our evaluation of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's performance in regulating commercial nuclear activities.

Because of the legislative requirement for the report and the nature of its contents, we are requesting your comments and the comments of your colleagues in addition to the formal Nuclear Regulatory Commission comments we normally request. We ask that you provide us with any comments you may have by November 2, 1979.

Because it is subject to revision, the report should be appropriately safeguarded to prevent any premature or unauthorized disclosure. All copies of the draft belong to GAO and must be returned on demand. If you desire any further information or if there is any way we can help expedite your comment and review process, please contact James Howard or Dwayne Weigel of my staff at 353-4761.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Dexter Peach

Director

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cc: Director, Office of Inspector and Auditor