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Ms. Liz Moore
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Dear Ms. Moore:

Your letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Middletown requesting information about nuclear energy was referred to me for response.

The former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) had a Congressional mandate to develop and promote nuclear energy. When the AEC was abolished in 1974, the NRC was created by Congress for the sole purpose of regulating the commercial production of nuclear energy. The U.S. Department of Energy is now responsible for the Federal Government's nuclear research and development activities. Consequently, questions about the advantages and disadvantages of this energy source should be directed to that agency.

One useful Department of Energy publication entitled "Living with Radiation" is available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161 at a cost of \$7.00 (order no. ERDA 76/89). It contains a list of books on the subject.

I am pleased to provide you with this information.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director
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