

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 18, 1980

Mr. Carleton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from a constituent, Ms. Bonnie Wright. I wish it to become part of the official comments.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Charles Wilson

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September 7, 1980

Representative Charles Wilson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Wilson,

According to Section 301 of Senate Bill 562 which was signed into law by President Carter on June 30, 1980, state governors will receive prior notification of shipments of nuclear waste. This was one provision of many tacked on as amendments to the NRC Authorizations Act of 1980.

At issue are a number of questions:

- 1) What types of waste will be notified to governors?
- 2) Will the notification be made prior to each shipment or in some summary fashion of little use to planners?
- 3) Will the notification allow some state involvement in routing of nuclear waste shipments?
- 4) Will the notification include the time and date of each shipment?
- 5) Will the notification provide any information as to the carrier making the haul?
- 6) Will the governors be mandated to keep this information secret, or will they be able to in turn notify local authorities of the shipments?

Please make sure the NRC promulgates regulations that are effective and contain provisions acceptable to the public interest, such as:

- 1) Governors should be included in the routing decision making process.
- 2) Notification should be made to the governors of shipments of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste from nuclear reactors and transuranic wastes.
- 3) Notifications for shipments of spent fuel should be made to governors immediately prior to the shipment occurring.