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Mr. Joseph Hendrie Acting Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

On January 16, 1981, Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), sent me a letter regarding the requirement that the NRC issue regulations to assure that the governor of a State is notified in advance of shipments of spent fuel and certain other kind of radioactive wastes. (See enclosed copy of the letter)

In Puerto Rico the Director of the Energy Office, Mr. Eduardo López-Ballori, is my principal advisor on all energy related matters. Mr. Lopez has informed me that, at present, there are no cases of highly radioactive wastes in Puerto Rico; and, therefore, no need of having these wastes shipped from the Island. Nevertheless, I do feel that the Governor of each State should be notified of the shipments in advance; and, for this reason, endorse the proposed amendments to the regulations.

Cordially. nulis H-1, pt-13

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