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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Waste Confidence Rulemaking; PR-50, -51  
(44 Fed. Reg. 61,372)

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated August 4, 1981 Assistant Attorney General Ezra I. Bailik, on behalf of New York Attorney General Robert Abrams, urged that the Commission act to conclude the above-referenced rulemaking as a matter of high priority. While not agreeing with all of the statements contained in that letter, the Utility Nuclear Waste Management Group-Edison Electric Institute (UNWMG-EEI) join in the request of the New York Attorney General that this proceeding be brought to a prompt conclusion.

In October the proceeding will enter its third year. Under the estimated schedule published with the notice of proposed rulemaking, this matter should have been concluded and a ruling issued in the early part of 1981. As yet, however, there has not been a decision on the nature of the concluding phase of this proceeding, and no projected date for completion has been established.

In view of the importance of the waste confidence rulemaking and its already lengthy duration, UNWMG-EEI request

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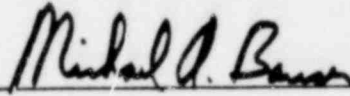
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that the Commission act to complete this proceeding promptly  
and on a prescribed schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON THE STORAGE )  
AND DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE ) PR-50, 51  
 ) (44 Fed. Reg. 61,372)  
(Waste Confidence Rulemaking )

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of a letter on behalf of the Utility Nuclear Waste Management Group-Edison Electric Institute to the Commissioners in the above-captioned proceeding, dated August 27, 1981, has been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, this 27th day of August, 1981:

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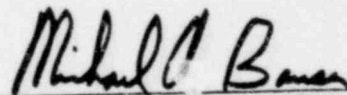
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