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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 14, 1981

Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino, Chairman
 Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 1717 H Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the request for comments on the Commission's proposed technical criteria for the disposal of high level nuclear waste, the undersigned urge that the Commission include population factors as criteria for siting a nuclear waste repository.

It is our belief that the nuclear material storage problem can be resolved by selecting sites in remote, uninhabited or sparsely populated areas which our scientific community believes to be absolutely safe. We urge that until it can be proven by extensive testing that nuclear waste can be stored safely, public anxiety will be justifiably high. By focusing on sites located as far away from populated areas as possible, public concern will be reduced.

Sincerely yours,

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