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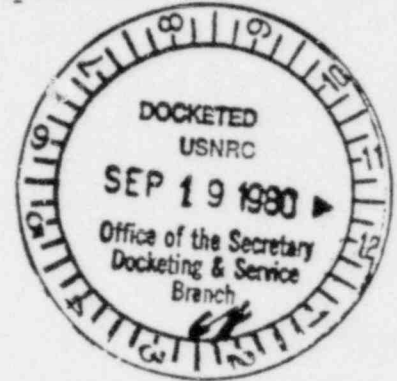
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Secretary,
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Chief, Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: Restart of GESMO Proceedings

Dear Mr. Secretary:



This letter responds to the NRC invitation to comment on the possible reopening of the suspended Generic Environmental Statement on Mixed Oxide (GESMO) proceedings (re: Federal Register Vol. 45, No. 158, p. 53933; August 13, 1980).

The Commission should reopen GESMO proceedings. The NRC's unwarranted suspension of these proceedings in December 1977 prevented a thorough public review of economic, environmental, safety and safeguard issues associated with fuel recycle and nationally-representative contributions from such review into the International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation (INFCE) which began in October 1977 and continued until early this year. This enforced suspension of GESMO which prevented our attainment of a national consensus on this subject severely damaged the credibility of U.S. positions taken during INFCE discussions with other nations. Recent congressional interest in legislation mandating NRC reopening of GESMO underscores a similar domestic censure. Now that INFCE has concluded that reprocessing can be a viable option for nations which can benefit from its use, it is imperative that the U.S. exhibit good faith, a vital element in ensuring cooperation on international nuclear fuel safeguards and assurance, supposedly the goal --- not destroying domestic nuclear power. The NRC should cease to carry out bankrupt Carter policies. Public review to determine whether reprocessing and recycle of nuclear fuel is a viable option for commercial nuclear power in the United States should now proceed.

The Commission should undertake to make full disclosure of all records of communication with the Administration regarding its request for GESMO suspension. In addition NRC Commission nominee Albert Carnesale's relationship to the Administration during this time should be more fully disclosed by sworn affidavit where necessary. This will facilitate all justified governmental action in 1981 against those who did not carry out their responsibilities concerning this matter.

The NRC should undertake to also restart licensing activities for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor (CRBR). Since the CRBR has continued to be unrescinded national policy since 1977 and to be strongly supported by congressional action and domestic public opinion, the NRC's continued suspension of such activities is illegal and subject to immediate public censure and disciplinary action.

Sincerely,

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