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Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Pallidino:

A situation affecting uranium milling companies which is causing them to be burdened with excessive costs was recently brought to my attention.

As I understand it, companies with licenses to operate are subject to ongoing modifications to their license conditions every time the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) changes their rules, even when they are minor changes. These changes and amendments require comprehensive studies and costly fees to cover the costs of such studies.

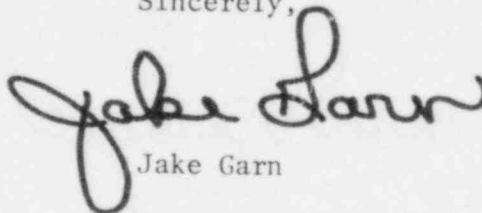
Certainly these continuous revisions to the license conditions ought to eliminate further costs to companies when they renew their licenses. Unfortunately, however, I am told that the cost of the new license application submission may amount to approximately \$300,000.00 or more for each company. That figure includes employing specialist consultants, rewriting the Environmental Impact Statement, and paying up front fees to the NRC to cover the costs of studying the new submission.

It appears that the current regulations are causing a waste of time and money without significantly affecting the quality of operations.

I would appreciate your checking into this problem and reporting back to me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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