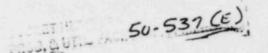


The Honorable Morris Udall, Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs Untied States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515



Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated December 8, 1981, concerning the Department of Energy's (DOE) request for an exemption from certain Commission regulations for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.

On December 24, 1981, the Commission issued the enclosed order outlining the procedures it will be following for considering the merits of DOE's request for an exemption to permit them to undertake certain site preparation activities prior to the issuance of a construction permit or limited work authorization by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The schedule established would permit a Commission decision by early March on this request.

The Commission appreciates receiving your recommendations and comments with respect to this request and will consider them as part of the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer

Carlton Karmerer, Director Office of Congressional Affairs

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