

#### UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

May 17, 1990

The Honorable Bob Graham, Chairman Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation Committee on Environment & Public works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

> Re: Shoreham-Wading River Central School District, et al. v. NRC, No. 90-1241 (D.C. Cir.)

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Alan K. Simpson



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