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The Honorable George Miller  
Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

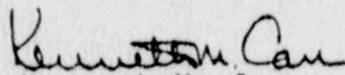
Dear Congressman Miller:

I have received your letter of June 18, 1990, regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Below Regulatory Concern (BRC) policy. We are assembling the information on BRC which you have requested. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have all of this information together by June 22, 1990. We are working to provide you a complete response by June 29, 1990.

Regarding your request to interview various NRC personnel involved in the preparation of this policy, we are concerned that you believe it is necessary to protect the confidentiality of statements made by NRC employees. We, of course, have no objection to persons designated by the Subcommittee Chairman speaking with NRC personnel involved in developing the BRC policy statement, in confidence or otherwise. We are trying to identify all individuals who have been involved. But you should be assured that no NRC personnel need be concerned about speaking with you freely about their views concerning this issue. The development of the BRC policy has been a long and challenging task for this agency. There have been many different views expressed on the BRC issues, and we have welcomed those points of view. We have endeavored to ensure that the process has been an open one and that all those involved have been able to express their views. The availability of many technically competent and experienced staff from whom we can obtain a spectrum of views on difficult issues such as this strengthens our decisionmaking and our ability to fulfill our mission of protecting the health and safety of the public.

I will be notifying the identified individuals of your request to meet with some or all of them. Our Congressional Affairs office will assist you in arranging to meet with any NRC personnel you may identify.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth M. Carr

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