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Department of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

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Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Chief, Docketing and  
Service Branch  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Department of Energy hereby submits the enclosed petition for rulemaking under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2.802. We believe that 10 CFR Part 71 should be amended to exempt vitrified high-level waste canisters from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.63(b). This rulemaking amendment would help to ensure a more appropriate use of resources. If high-level waste canisters are not exempt from 10 CFR Part 71, it could have the impact of diverting resources from other, more worthy endeavors associated with the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program. The subject of this petition has been previously discussed with the Commission's Division of High-Level Waste Management staff and with the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste.

We would appreciate your consideration and acceptance of this petition. Any questions regarding the petition may be addressed to Mr. John Roberts of my staff on 586-9896.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Dreyfus, Director  
Office of Civilian Radioactive  
Waste Management

Enclosure:

Petition of the U.S. Department of Energy for a Rulemaking to Exempt Vitrified High-Level Waste Canisters from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.63(b)



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