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Department of the Air Force  
USAF Radioisotope Committee  
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO U.S. AIR FORCE SUBMITTAL DATED MARCH 9, 1993

Your letter dated March 9, 1993, requested confirmation by NRC that the USAF Radioisotope Committee will retain authority, under the Air Force Master License, to allow Air Force permittees to store NRC regulated wastes for extended periods of time on Air Force installations in waste Compacts not having access to a licensed Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) disposal site.

We have reviewed your request, and the following comprises our response to the item at issue.

Because the rulemaking for Procedures and Criteria for On-site Storage of Low Level Waste (LLW) [58 FR 6730] has not become final, you may retain your authority to approve extended on-site storage of LLW. However, if the rule should become final, you would have to document that you had exhausted other reasonable waste management options for your permittees before on-site storage would be authorized.

Should you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Linda McLean of my staff at (817) 860-8116.

Sincerely,

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for Samuel J. Collins, Director  
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