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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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The Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

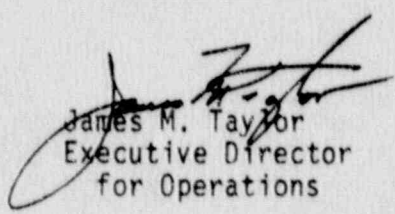
Dear Senator Cranston:

I am responding to your letter dated September 21, 1990, concerning your constituents' requests to extend the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Ward Valley low-level radioactive waste site. This site will be licensed and regulated by the California Department of Health Services.

The California Department of Health Services and the Bureau of Land Management share responsibility for developing the Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Ward Valley low-level radioactive waste site. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has no authority over the scheduling or development of that report.

However, with respect to Dr. Loran's and Ms. Wasden's request to extend the comment period, it is our understanding that the public comment period was extended an additional 45 days, from the closing date, to September 30, 1990, by the State Health Services Director, Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer. This extension was announced on August 14, 1990, one day after the date of Dr. Loran's and Ms. Wasden's letters requesting extension. Additionally, it should be noted that Dr. Loran's and Ms. Wasden's letters dated August 13, 1990, were not received by our Region V office as addressed, but have only been brought to our attention as enclosures to your September 21, 1990, letter to us.

Sincerely,


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