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Mr. Dennis Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
The United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
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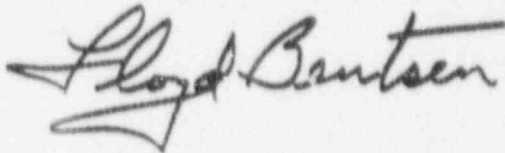
Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Enclosed are copies of letters that I have received from constituents concerning policy changes for the disposal of low-level radioactive wastes.

There are many valid points raised in these letters, and I would appreciate receiving a thorough response on these issues so that I can properly respond to my constituents.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen

Enclosure

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DEAR SENATOR BENTSEN,

I AM SHOCKED AND DISGUSTED BY RECENT U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION POLICY CHANGES RELAXING DISPOSAL OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS POLICY THAT PUTS THE INTERESTS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INDUSTRIES AHEAD OF THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

DR. ROGER BAKER, A FORT WORTH RADIOLOGIST, CHARGED THAT NRC SAFETY ASSURANCES ARE BASED ON "SPURIOUS STATISTICS AND FALSE SCIENCE."

I WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THIS POLICY AND I WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT IT NOW.

THIS POLICY COULD ALLOW NUCLEAR PLANT OPERATORS TO PUT AS MUCH AS 30
(COVER)

PERCENT OF THEIR LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO LANDFILLS THAT HAVE LITTLE REGULATORY CONTROL.

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU PASS ON CITIZEN COMPLAINTS TO JOHN HICKEY, CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL AND MEDICAL NUCLEAR SAFETY FOR THE NRC, OR PERHAPS ARLINGTON (TEXAS) REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR ROBERT D. MARTIN, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

WOULD YOU PLEASE ALSO REPLY PROMPTLY TO MY LETTER AND PROVIDES NAMES OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON WHATEVER COMMITTEES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS ISSUE?

THANK YOU,
Jeff Sweet Smith

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