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Miss Christy Gaskill
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Dear Miss Gaskill:

This is in response to your letter requesting information on nuclear waste.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is responsible for regulating the disposal of radioactive wastes from licensed activities and high-level radioactive wastes generated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in order to assure adequate protection of public health and safety and the environment. DOE is responsible for research and development of different disposal methods of high-level and low-level wastes. For more information concerning DOE's plans and programs, we suggest you write to Mr. Robert L. Morgan, Director, Nuclear Waste Policy Act Project Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Attached are some excerpts from a December 1981 report prepared by the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory. This report explains some of the disposal methods for radioactive waste under consideration. The report, entitled "Understanding Radioactive Waste " (PNL-3570) can be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151, for \$6.50.

Another publication which gives a general overview of nuclear waste is "A Nuclear Waste Primer." This booklet can be purchased by writing to the League of Women Voters of the United States, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, for \$1.95. This publication also contains a listing of other documents in the waste management area.

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We hope this information is useful for your research project and appreciate your interest in the nuclear waste management area.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Still
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Enclosure:
Excerpts fm PNL-3570,
"Understanding Radioactive Waste"

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