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Mr. Mickey L. Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in response to your letter of February 8, 1983, which requested information on disposal of nuclear waste for use in writing a term paper.

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 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.

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

Sincerely,

JH
Judy Hall
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Division of Waste Management

Enclosure:
Excerpts fm PNL-3570,
"Understanding Radioactive Waste"

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