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Mr. Warren S. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter dated January 4, 1982 to Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie. Your letter discussed the possibility of using concrete containing asbestos fibers as a possible container material for radioactive wastes.

As Mr. T. Johnson of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff explained to you during a telephone conversation on January 25, 1982, the Department of Energy is the Federal Government agency which has responsibility for research and development, such as development of container materials, for radioactive wastes. The NRC is responsible for developing regulations for radioactive waste disposal. These regulations will contain requirements for waste characteristics which would be acceptable for disposal.

Accordingly, we have: (1) forwarded your letter to the Department of Energy for their consideration; and (2) enclosed for your information copies of NRC's proposed regulations and guidance for radioactive waste disposal. We have marked the specific sections in these documents which should be of interest to you.

As noted by Mr. T. Johnson, we would appreciate receiving any test data you may have on concrete containing asbestos fibers.

If you have any questions regarding the information we have enclosed, or if we can be of any further assistance to you, please contact either me at 301-427-4200 or Mr. T. Johnson at 301-427-4160. We appreciate your interest in helping to resolve the problem of radioactive waste disposal.

Sincerely,

RS

Robert E. Browning, Deputy Director
 Division of Waste Management

Enclosures:

1. 10 CFR 60
2. 10 CFR 61
3. Proposed technical position

cc: F. Coffman, DOE

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