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July 30, 1979

The Honorable Dixie Lee Ray
Governor of the State of Washington
Legislative Building
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Governor Ray:

Please accept my appreciation and that of GPU for allowing us to participate in the meeting on nuclear waste held under your leadership last Friday in Seattle. The meeting was by all standards an exercise in leadership and state responsibility that well served the stated objectives. The assembled state and federal officials represented the broadest range of government people convened for any such meeting to my knowledge.

We were impressed with the commitment and preparations made in your state to properly manage low level radioactive waste disposal operations. We applaud the attention and leadership you have provided which allows Washington State to remain a responsible leader in the field.

The TMI program we discussed with you is aimed at providing maximum assurance that we as waste generators will carry out our responsibilities effectively. We believe the steps outlined provide that assurance, but we will carefully monitor the program to confirm its effectiveness and pledge to you that on our initiative we will incorporate improvements if they are indicated.

Your leadership in the national program to encourage all states to a shared course of responsible participation in radioactive waste management is invaluable. We agree with you, Governor Riley, and Governor List on your view that since all states are generators of radioactive waste, broader participation in waste management is essential by other states.

We pledge our best efforts to assure that the TMI effort proceeds without mishap and we appreciate the responsible leadership of you and your state.

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The Honorable Dixie Lee Ray

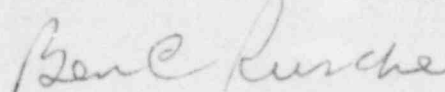
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Many thanks to Dave Jenkins for his sense of timing and propriety in arranging the meeting. It couldn't have been more effective. The media reports we saw were all balanced and constructive--a testimony to the effectiveness of the meeting.

Again, thanks to you. We will keep your office informed of our progress and seek your guidance at any stage.

With warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben C. Rusche".

Ben C. Rusche
Executive Director

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