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OFFICE OF GENERAL PRESIDENT \* (202) 429-9100



June 28, 1994

Mr. Ivan Selin  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Selin:

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For this reason, the IUOE is requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission develop a **comprehensive certification process** for heavy equipment operators who perform this cleanup. This certification should be established according to a performance based training and certification process. The IUOE cannot emphasize enough how imperative it is for heavy equipment operators to have training in basic skills and techniques in the operation of heavy equipment; especially cranes, in order to display his or her competency before entering into a hazardous situation. This will help provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with a safe, productive workplace, while helping to insure a cleanup that is done right the first time.

I would like to set up a meeting with you in the near future to discuss this issue with you in greater detail. **My secretary will be contacting you to check your availability.** Thank you very much for your consideration of this very important and timely issue.

Sincerely,

Frank Hanley  
General President

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June 30, 1994

Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun  
Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission, O-17A3  
Washington, D.C. 20555

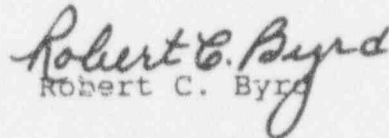
Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am enclosing the letter that I received from Mr. Donald Carson, Administrator, National HazMat Program, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Beaver, West Virginia, which expresses the interest of the IUOE in the development of a comprehensive certification process for heavy equipment operators who engage in hazardous materials cleanup.

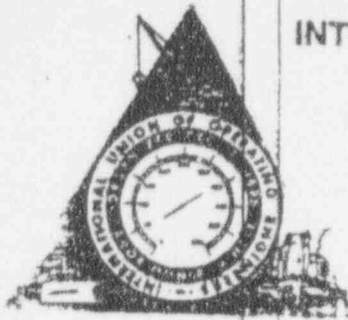
I would appreciate your seeing that Mr. Carson's concerns and appointment request are given serious consideration, and that my office is provided with a report of the action your office will take in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert C. Byrd

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Enclosure



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June 29, 1994

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
311 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

Recently, the National Hazmat Program made requests to the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission seeking the development of a comprehensive certification process for heavy equipment operators who perform hazardous materials cleanup. I would greatly appreciate a follow up on these very important issues to insure the agencies seriously consider and address these important requests. Your assistance on these matters will help insure more safer and productive work environments for workers not only in West Virginia, but across the entire United States.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Carson  
Administrator  
The National Hazmat Program



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