



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 28, 1994

The Honorable Robert S. Walker
United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3816

Dear Congressman Walker:

I am responding to your letter of September 20, 1994, which forwarded a letter to you, dated September 15, 1994, from a constituent expressing concern over the possible siting of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in the community of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA. These letters were forwarded to the NRC from the Department of Energy.

Under the provisions of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of 1980, the States were assigned the responsibility for the disposal of low-level radioactive wastes within the State. This responsibility includes site selection. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this responsibility has been assigned to the Department of Environmental Resources. Until a license application is submitted to NRC, NRC's involvement in this process is limited. In addition, the Commonwealth is in the process of becoming an Agreement State under the provisions of Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. As an Agreement State, the Commonwealth, rather than NRC, would have the regulatory oversight for the facility's design, development, operation, and closure, under a Commonwealth program that NRC determines to be compatible with its own program and adequate to protect the public health and safety.

Information on the Commonwealth's siting process, which has been extracted from the "Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Phase I (Screening) Siting Plan," of April 1994, is enclosed for reference. Information as to the current status of the siting process in the Commonwealth can be obtained from:

Mr. William P. Dornsife, Director
Bureau of Radiation Protection
Department of Environmental Resources
400 Market Street (13th Floor)
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8469

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October 31, 1994

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I trust that this reply responds to your constituent's concerns.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
James M. Taylor
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cc w/o encl: William P. Dornsife
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