

LLW
FORUM

May 17, 1991

Kenneth M. Carr
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Carr:

On April 18, 1991, NRC representatives discussed the status of the report of the NRC Compatibility Task Force with Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) Forum Participants. At the close of the discussion, the LLW Forum unanimously passed a resolution "asking that the report of the NRC Compatibility Task Force be released and asking that NRC specify its time frame for taking action on compatibility requirements."

As you know, the LLW Forum is an association of representatives of states and compacts established to facilitate implementation of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 and to promote the objectives of low-level radioactive waste regional compacts. The Forum provides an opportunity for states and compacts to share information with one another and to exchange views with officials of federal agencies. LLW Forum Participants - officials appointed by Governors and Compact Commissions - include representatives from regional compacts, designated host states, unaffiliated states, and states with currently operating low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities.

Forum Participants are very interested in the Commission's activities with respect to compatibility requirements and have discussed this topic at a number of Forum meetings. As requested in my October 23, 1990 letter to you regarding title transfer and possession issues, Participants request an early opportunity for formal input when papers and documents on issues significant to the Forum are developed.

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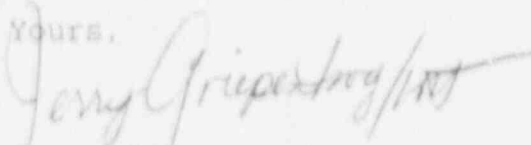
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As you know, the Forum greatly appreciates the Commission's agreement, at its October 29, 1990 briefing, that, in the future, staff should solicit the views of states and compacts during development of significant policy issues involved with implementation of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act. While not seeking to interfere in NRC's internal deliberations, Forum Participants remain committed to an open process that allows them an early opportunity to work with NRC in developing significant policies. For this reason, Forum Participants would appreciate the distribution of the staff report to the Forum and an opportunity for comment on the document.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Lori Tripoli of Afton Associates, Inc., the management firm for the LLW Forum. Lori may be reached at (202) 547-2620.

Yours,



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