

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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September 1, 1998

The Honorable Robert C. Smith Chairman, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Committee on Armed Services Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter of August 27, 1998, I am providing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's written statement for the September 3, 1998, hearing on the Department of Energy's low level radioactive and mixed low level waste disposal practices.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Senator Jeff Bingaman