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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, the Congress enacted H. R. 13650, the "Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978".

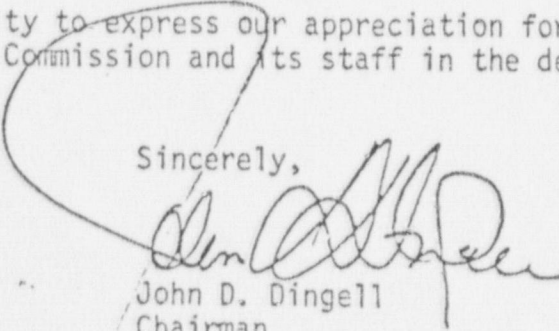
This new legislation gives the NRC considerable additional authority relative to both active and inactive milling operations and greater control over agreements entered into with the States with the amendments to section 274j. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

Our Subcommittee expects to maintain continuous oversight over this legislation, particularly in regard to the NRC implementation of the Act vis-a-vis the States. We expect that the NRC will keep our Subcommittee continuously informed about the actions it takes, and plans to take, under the Act and about any problems encountered by the NRC.

Insofar as the remedial action program is concerned, we expect that the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will move with caution in order to ensure that the purposes of the Act are achieved at the least cost to the United States. We are particularly interested in being assured that the technology used is effective from a long-term perspective.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the cooperation which we received from the Commission and its staff in the development of this legislation.

Sincerely,


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Chairman

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