

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Ms. M. Gay Taylor, General Counsel
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
State of Utah
436 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1202

Dear Ms. Taylor and Mr. Rees:

By letter of March 5,1998, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) informed you that you had been identified by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), in its January 21, 1998, letter, as individuals who may have knowledge of former or current employees of Envirocare of Utah, Inc., who have been intimidated or feel threatened by Envirocare management. As you know, the purpose of the NRC's February 26, 1998, letter was to request that you inform the NRC whether you have such knowledge and, if so, provide the NRC with the identities of such individuals. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that you have either responded with the requested information or have indicated that you have no such knowledge at this time. Furthermore, this is to confirm that, although you may have indicated that you presently have no knowledge of such information, you indicated that you would provide such information should you receive it in the future. In the event that you do acquire knowledge of either current or former employees threatened, harassed, or intimidated by Envirocare, the NRC offers the same level of employee identity protection as indicated in its February 26,1998, letter (see following paragraph). As stated in our earlier letter, we request that you provide us with any additional information you may acquire that is relevant to the allegations raised in the NRDC's petition.

To protect the confidentiality of any information you may provide, we request that you contact, by telephone, one of our allegation coordinators. Please call either Robert O'Connell, Allegation Coordinator, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-7877, or Russell Wise, Allegation Coordinator, Enforcement and Allegation Coordination Staff, NRC Region IV, at (817) 860-8245.

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If you have any questions regarding our request, please contact either me or Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Chief of the Uranium Recovery Branch. I can be reached at (301) 415-3340, and Mr. Holonich can be reached at (301) 415-7238. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Richard L. Bangart, Director
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cc: C. Judd, Envirocare of Utah, Inc.

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