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September 23, 1999

The Honorable Joe L. Barton, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
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cc: Representative Ralph M. Hall



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Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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