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The Honorable Rush Holt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Holt:

I am responding to your letter forwarding the concerns and comments of one of your constituents, Joyce Heckman, on issues regarding control of releases of solid materials from licensed facilities. At this time, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in the preliminary stages of examining its approach for controlling solid material and has not made any decisions about the content of any standard that might be issued. The NRC is seeking public comments as input to its decision-making process. An initial step in that process was to prepare a paper that discusses issues associated with alternative courses of action. This "Issues Paper" was published, for public comment, in a Federal Register notice (FRN) on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35090). To provide further opportunity for public input on the issues and alternatives discussed in the Issues Paper, the NRC is holding a series of public meetings, with the final meeting being held on December 7 & 8, 1999 in Chicago, IL.

Please be assured that we will consider the comments of Ms. Heckman, along with those of others that are received, as part of the NRC's decision-making process.

Information about current NRC efforts in this area, including the Issues Paper and opportunities for public comment at the public meetings and in other forums and specific information on the final public meeting in Chicago, is also available on NRC's website at the following address: <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/controlsolids.html>. The NRC website can be accessed using internet services on computers at home or available at local schools or libraries.

In addition to the website address, the NRC has established a list server that will provide opportunity for exchange of ideas on this issue and for providing updates on the status of further meetings and NRC documents that are available. Information on how to subscribe to this list server is enclosed.

I trust this reply responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

for William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: List Server Information

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List server on control of solid materials in place

- To subscribe to the list server “controlsolids”
 - ▶ address e-mail to "listproc@nrc.gov"
 - ▶ the subject line should be blank
 - ▶ the message body should have the format: **subscribe controlsolids full name** (e.g., subscribe controlsolids John Smith)
- To unsubscribe, the message body should contain "unsubscribe controlsolids"
- The commands are not case sensitive