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December 16, 1999

Ms. Barbara A. Mazurowski, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON THE NRC'S PRESCRIPTION OF
DECOMMISSIONING CRITERIA FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND THE WEST VALLEY SITE

Dear Ms. Mazurowski:

I am forwarding to you the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Draft Policy Statement and Notice of Public Meeting (enclosed in Federal Register format) concerning the NRC's prescription of decommissioning criteria for the U.S. Department of Energy's West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and the West Valley site.

The NRC's prescription of decommissioning criteria for the WVDP is authorized by the WVDP Act (Public Law 96-368). The NRC's Draft Policy Statement regarding these decontamination and decommissioning requirements provides for applying the NRC's License Termination Rule (10 CFR Part 20, Subpart E), as the decommissioning criteria for the WVDP and the West Valley site. Applying the NRC's License Termination Rule to the decommissioning of the WVDP and West Valley site is consistent with the decommissioning requirements for all of the NRC's licensees.

The Draft Policy Statement was published in the Federal Register on December 3, 1999. The NRC is requesting written public comment on the Draft Policy Statement and has arranged for a Public Meeting to be held near the West Valley site the evening of January 5, 2000, to receive public comment. The public comment period is 60 days, therefore, the close of the public

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comment period is February 1, 2000. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Parrott, of my staff, at 301-415-6700.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Larry W. Camper, Chief
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