

May 21, 2010

The Honorable David P. Roe
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Roe:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2010, providing your views on the blending of low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) streams. A number of stakeholders have raised questions about the large-scale blending that has been proposed by the nuclear industry. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recognizes the need to issue guidance on this complex issue and is closely examining potential approaches.

The NRC held four public meetings on LLRW blending and accepted public comments through January 29, 2010. On April 7, 2010, NRC staff submitted a publicly-available paper to the Commission that identifies policy, safety, and regulatory issues associated with LLRW blending. The paper also describes various options for Commission consideration. The Commission is planning to hold a public meeting on June 17, 2010, to obtain additional stakeholder views before we make a decision. We will consider your comments in our deliberations.

Our Office of Congressional Affairs will continue to update your staff and provide any briefings that may be helpful. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko