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The Honorable Bart Gordon  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Let me assure you that the concerns expressed by your constituents about environmental and radiological impacts, transportation, waste management, accident analysis, and security are an integrated part of the NRC's regulatory infrastructure. These types of issues would be considered part of the licensing review process, as well as in the formulation and review of any related Environmental Impact Statement. Also, and most essential to any licensing review that the NRC would conduct, an applicant must be able to demonstrate compliance with related regulations and regulatory requirements prior to NRC issuance of a license.

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