

October 14, 2003

Mr. Michael Mariotte
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Dear Mr. Mariotte:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to your letter of September 12, 2003, in which you stated that you opposed the December 20, 2002, views of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). You further stated that in the near future you expected to provide additional comments and legal analysis of the NEI position. Former Chairman Richard Meserve responded to NEI on February 10, 2003 (ADAMS Accession Number ML030210442), stating that the Commission would be requesting the staff to develop a draft policy statement on the treatment of environmental justice matters. The Commission has approved and will publish a draft policy statement on environmental justice matters for comment in the near future.

We thank you for your interest in this matter and look forward to your additional comments and analysis after you have had an opportunity to review our draft policy statement.

Sincerely,

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Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission