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May 10, 1985

Mr. G. Wayne Kerr, Director  
Office of State Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kerr:

As you know, Wilbur G. Ball, our former State Liaison Officer for NRC affairs, recently resigned his position as Executive Director of the Mississippi Energy and Transportation Board. I hereby appoint J. I. Palmer, Jr., of my personal staff, to replace Mr. Ball as State Liaison Officer.

Jim has informed me that he talked yesterday with Sue Weissberg, of your staff, about both this appointment and our serious concern regarding several particular aspects of the DOE/NRC high-level nuclear waste program. I have been, and will remain, very active in this matter, because Mississippi citizens have already suffered substantial negative impacts flowing from the DOE nuclear waste repository siting program. I would like to see our officials and NRC develop a sound and open working relationship as we further deal with this particular federal program. Hopefully, regular communication between NRC and our State Liaison Officer will help foster this desired working relationship.

I will sincerely appreciate your keeping us fully informed regarding all NRC matters affecting Mississippi, and I invite you to call on us at your convenience whenever we may be of assistance.

Respectfully,

*Bill Allain*

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James I. Palmer, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

As we discussed on the telephone, I received a copy of Governor Allain's letter to Wayne Kerr, Director, Office of State Programs, NRC, informing us that you are now the State Liaison Officer. Since the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has programmatic responsibility for overseeing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, including State and Tribal participation under 10 CFR Part 60, I will be happy to work with you on these issues.

I understand that, for the present time, you will also serve as the contact point for the State of Mississippi's participation with NRC under 10 CFR 60 Subpart C. Enclosed are some background materials that you may find useful.

The NRC State and Tribal participation activities are focused on the early identification of licensing issues so that they may be addressed promptly by the NRC staff. We will attempt to keep you informed of our activities and, at your request, we will also continue to keep Mr. Green and Mr. Forsythe informed with copies of all mailings to you and by phone calls on substantive matters.

As I mentioned during our discussion, I will be contacting you very soon regarding estimating lead times for State and Tribal participation in NRC's milestones included in the Project Decision Schedule.

Sincerely,

Joseph O. Bunting, Chief  
 Policy and Program Control Branch  
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