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Ms. Kristin Ryan
Council on Competitiveness
Office of the Vice President
Room 286, OEOB
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. Ryan:

This letter responds to the facsimile message transmitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from the Office of the Vice President on the morning of July 9, 1992. The message requested that NRC provide an informal interim report which summarizes the economic impact of the initiatives being implemented by the NRC as a result of the President's regulatory moratorium and review.

On Thursday, June 18, 1992, the NRC published in the Federal Register (57 FR 27187), for public comment, a proposed rule entitled, "Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Nuclear Licensees." This notice discussed in detail the eight actions being taken by the NRC in response to the President's moratorium program. The eight actions including annual cost savings are summarized in the enclosed table. These eight items were also previously discussed in detail in the NRC letter to Ms. Nancy Mitchell, Associate Director, Office of the Vice President on April 22, 1992.

The NRC anticipates that it will publish the final rule on "Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Nuclear Licensees" by the end of August 1992.

Additionally, the NRC will continue with a follow-on effort to identify additional regulations that place a burden on nuclear licensees that is not consistent with their safety significance. At this time a few specific candidates are under evaluation, and others have been identified for consideration.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosure:
Summary of Potential Savings From
the Special Review of Regulations

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SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL SAVINGS
FROM THE SPECIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

<u>Issue</u>	<u>(Dollars in Millions)</u>	
	<u>Licensee</u> <u>Savings</u>	<u>NRC</u> <u>Savings</u>
1. Frequency of FSAR Updates	11.1	0.9
2. Annual Design Change Report	1.5	0.4
3. Elimination of Unnecessary Event Reports	35.2	2.1
4. Use of Fuel with Zirconium-Based Cladding	1.9	0.1
5. Frequency of Radiological Effluent Reports	16.8	0.4
6. Receipt Back of Processed Low-Level Waste	1.1	0.1
7. Contamination Monitoring of Packages	66.4	---
8. Posting of Rooms Occupied by Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine Patients	0.3	---
Sub Totals	134.3	4.0
TOTAL		138.3

Note: These estimates are cumulative over the lifetime of the facilities and are addressed in the Regulatory Analysis supporting the proposed rule. These estimates will be confirmed through the public comment process on the proposed rule.

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