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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

It is now more than five months since your agency received the following General Accounting Office report:

EMD-79-9, "Higher Penalties Could Deter Violations of Nuclear Regulations," dated 2/16/79

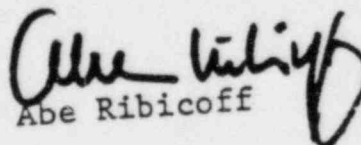
By law (Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970), you were required to submit to this Committee, within sixty days of receiving the report, a written statement of the action taken by your agency with respect to the recommendations contained in the report.

Toward this end, you have already received three communications from this Committee advising you of your responsibility under the law. Although we fully understand that in certain cases there are contributing factors to your delay, we have not been officially advised of the reasons for your failure to comply.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee since, under the provisions of Section 236, your response must also be directed to the Appropriations Committee.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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