



THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585

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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On January 19, 1984, I informed you of the chartering of the Advisory Panel on Alternative Means of Financing and Managing (AMFM) Radioactive Waste Facilities. As a first order of business, the Panel would like to hear the views of other interested groups and organizations at its next meeting, scheduled for February 21-22, 1984, here in Room 1E-245 at the Forrestal Building.

The Panel members are particularly interested in hearing from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, given your role in licensing radioactive waste facilities. They would like you, or a representative designated by you, to meet with them to discuss both the Commission's licensing role and any consequent implications for alternative management approaches. The Panel Chairman, Mr. Diarmuid O'Scannlain, firmly believes that the Panel should more fully understand how your licensing requirements may shape the corporate capabilities needed by a licensee.

As you may know, Section 303 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act requires me to study and submit to the Congress a report on alternative approaches to managing nuclear waste facilities. Section 303 also requires that I consult with both you and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in submitting this report. Although I have established the AMFM Panel to conduct the Section 303 study, I want to assure you that I would not regard your meeting with the Panel as in any way satisfying the requirement for consultation with you. That requirement cannot be met until the Panel has completed its study and you have been given an opportunity to review and comment on the Department's draft report to the Congress.

With this assurance, I hope that you or your representative will be able to meet with the AMFM Panel at their upcoming session. Mr. O'Scannlain has asked that you meet with them on the morning of February 22 and suggests a 30 minute presentation with an equivalent period for questions and discussion. If you accept this invitation, please ask your staff to contact Mr. Howard Perry (252-5316) regarding final arrangements.

Sincerely,

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