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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
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Dear Dr. Lyman:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 1996, to NRC Chairman Jackson commenting on the July 10, 1996 letter of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) on the health effects of low levels of radiation. In light of recent studies revealing substantial new data on this important subject, the ACNW recommended a critical examination of all available information.

This examination is being carried out by a committee of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), comprised of a diverse group of experts in a variety of relevant scientific and technical fields. The composition of the committee is intended to ensure that the assessment will be conducted in an objective and balanced manner. In addition, a number of regulatory and scientific groups will be provided an opportunity to comment prior to final NCRP approval of this committee's report. The Commission and the ACNW will be advised of the progress of this assessment and of relevant issues, including those raised in your letter.

In response to your request, the background material upon which the ACNW based its letter has been placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The material also provides insights into the technical issues you raised. If you need further assistance or information, please contact Dr. John Larkins, Executive Director of the ACNW. He can be reached by telephone on 301-415-7360.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, ACNW

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