



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 27, 1996

Mr. Robert P. Murphy
General Counsel
General Accounting Office
Room 7175
441 G St., NW.
Washington, DC 20548


Dear Mr. Murphy:

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We have determined that these actions (interpreted as a "rule" under the Act) are "major rule" as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2). We have confirmed this determination with the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosed are copies of the final actions, which are being transmitted for internal publication. These actions are scheduled to become effective immediately upon internal publication and distribution.

Sincerely,


Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
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The Honorable Al Gore
President of the United
States Senate
Washington, DC 20510


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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

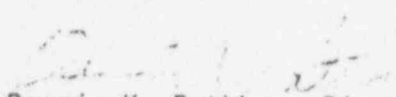
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