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The Honorable Bill Bradley  
United States Senator  
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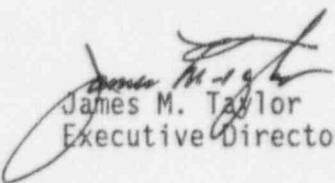
Dear Senator Bradley:

Your letter of June 14, 1996 addressed to Mr. Hickmott, Associate Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, forwarded an inquiry you received concerning the Westinghouse site in Bloomfield, NJ. This inquiry, dated May 22, 1996, was from W.E.C.A.R.E., a local citizens' organization, and requested updated information on the decommissioning activities at the site. The NRC received a copy of EPA's response to you of August 22, 1996 which indicated that they were referring your information request to the NRC. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information concerning my staff's recent involvement with W.E.C.A.R.E., and actions taken to address their request.

We received an inquiry directly from W.E.C.A.R.E. by letter dated July 22, 1996 (Enclosure 1), expressing similar concerns as reflected in their May 22, 1996 letter to you. We responded to the inquiry from W.E.C.A.R.E. in our letter dated August 20, 1996 (Enclosure 2). In addition, Dr. Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief of the Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch in Region I, who has management responsibility for the NRC activities at the site, telephoned Ms. Vadala on August 12, 1996. The purpose of this call was to ensure that the NRC clearly understood the W.E.C.A.R.E. request. We stated in our August 20, 1996 letter that we have contacted Bloomfield Township officials and initiated arrangements for a copy of all non-proprietary and non-privacy act information concerning the facility to be made available at a site in the Bloomfield area. We will also send copies of all future correspondence concerning the Westinghouse Bloomfield site to the Township for public perusal. Dr. Bellamy's response also delineated NRC's plans to obtain and analyze tap water, on-site groundwater, and soil samples; prepare a written report of the results; and hold a public meeting in the Bloomfield area prior to final NRC action on the site.

I trust this information is responsive to the W.E.C.A.R.E. request. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

  
James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

Enclosures: As stated

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