



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

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July 11, 1985

The Honorable Edward J. Markey, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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A copy of the letter to licensees is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Rep. Carlos Moorhead

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The Honorable Morris Udall, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States House of Representatives
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cc: Rep. Manuel Lujan



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cc: Sen. J. Bennett Johnston



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The Honorable Alan Simpson, Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Beville, Chairman
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Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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July 3, 1985

TO ALL LICENSEES

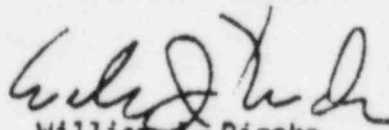
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR MANAGEMENT OF LOW-LEVEL WASTE
IN EVENT ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES IS
RESTRICTED

Gentlemen:

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of 1980 P.L. 96-573 assigned states the responsibility to provide for disposal of low-level radioactive waste and envisioned that all states would be capable of handling commercial low-level waste generated within their borders, individually or through interstate compacts, by 1986. Compacts approved by Congress are authorized to exclude out-of-region waste after that date. Based on the current status of state efforts and the substantial time required to establish new disposal facilities, no new disposal sites will be available by 1986 or for some period thereafter.

There is some risk that access to the three existing sites may be restricted, as it was in 1979. Such restrictions, if they occur, may require changes in your waste-management practices. To minimize the potential disruption to licensed activities or the services they provide for, we urge you to undertake appropriate contingency planning.

For additional information, reactor licensees should contact Frank Miraglia, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mailstop 528, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone: (301) 492-7980. Materials and fuel cycle licensees should contact Richard Cunningham, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Mailstop 396-SS, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone: (302) 427-4485.


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