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

December 5, 1996

The Honorable Lauch Faircloth, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private
Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator Bob Graham

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