



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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U.S. Department of Justice
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Re: Grand Jury Investigation
of Industrial Gases

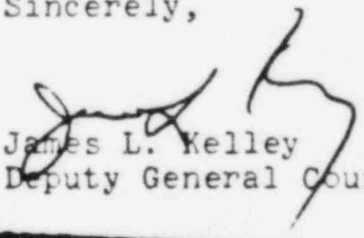
Dear Mr. Kowal:

This responds to your request by letter dated January 8, 1979 for certain information regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) purchases of industrial gases-oxygen, nitrogen, argon and acetylene.

As Pat Dixon of the General Counsel's office indicated previously in a telephone conversation with Mark Prosperi of your office, we have established through consultation with the NRC's Division of Contracts that the NRC has not been a substantial purchaser of these gases; therefore, we cannot render assistance in providing the requested information. We suggest, however, that you contact the Department of Energy (the successor to the Energy Research and Development Administration) which has research and development responsibilities in contrast to NRC's licensing and regulatory function.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Dixon at (202) 634-1465.

Sincerely,


James L. Kelley
Deputy General Counsel

