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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 21, 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:

Enclosed for the information of the Subcommittee is a copy of a revision to the NRC's General Statement of Policy and Procedure for Enforcement Actions (Enforcement Policy). This document will be published in the Federal Register.

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Sincerely,

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc w/enclosure:  
Senator Bob Graham

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Committee on Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
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cc w/enclosure: Representative Frank Pallone



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

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