

Mr. T. J. Rowland, Director  
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West Valley Area Office  
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May 29, 1997

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In addition, please be aware that it is NRC policy that all formal and informal correspondence, regarding the WVDP, between NRC and DOE will be docketed and sent to NRC's public document room unless the correspondence is specifically identified by DOE as classified or proprietary at the time of submittal to NRC. Therefore, if you plan to submit documents which should not be placed in our public document room, please contact us prior to their submittal. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Parrott at 301-415-6700.

Sincerely,

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:]

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