

May 9, 1997

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Dear Dr. Ahearne:

I am responding to your letter of April 22, 1997, to Chairman Jackson of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in which you requested that an NRC representative present NRC's perspective on a number of issues relating to nuclear energy. We are pleased to support you in this effort, and I have designated Ms. Marylee Slosson of my staff as your contact. You or your staff may contact her directly at (301) 415-1199 to arrange the details of NRC's participation. I hope the information we provide you will help you develop a sound report for the President on the future of U.S. energy research and development programs.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Samuel J. Collins

Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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