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Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NRC LICENSEES

The ACRS has noted that the Commission is considering requiring fuel cycle and other radioactive material licensees either to develop plans for coping with accidental radionuclide releases or to justify the reasons that the development of such plans is not needed.

To minimize the impact of this decision, we suggest that the NRC consider recommending that such licensees utilize in this process the screening model recently published by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. Such an approach could minimize the work involved and would enable licensees to apply a method that has undergone careful review and has been shown to provide a conservative estimate of the risks involved due to atmospheric radionuclide releases from a wide range of nuclear operations. Details of the screening model have been published as follows:

"Screening Techniques for Determining Compliance With Environmental Standards," Commentary No. 3, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, Bethesda, Maryland (March 31, 1986).

Sincerely,

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