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January 23, 1990

SUBJECT:

State Ownership of Low-Level Radioactive Waste

REQUESTED BY:

Senator Douglas A. Kristensen Nebraska State Legislature

WRITTEN BY:

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You have inquired regarding the constitutionality of a proposed legislative bill which would mandate that radioactive material accepted for disposal at a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility shall not become the property of the State. We find no constitutional infirmity with such a provision. However, you should be aware that current regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission do provide for state ownership at the time of facility closure.

Sincerely,

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