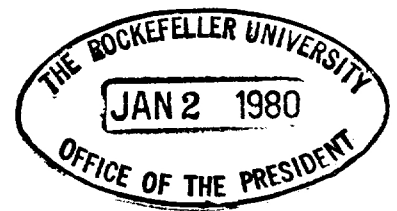




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Mr. Joshua Lederberg, President
The Rockefeller University
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your recent letter responding to the reopening of the low-level commercial radioactive waste burial site at Hanford.

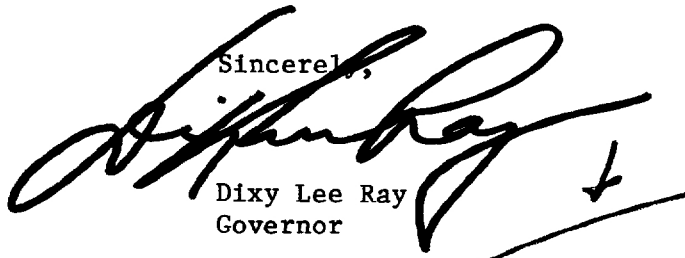
I have taken two steps in addition to requiring more vigorous enforcement actions.

I have contacted Washington's Congressional Delegation asking that either legislation be prepared to authorize the disposal of certain classes of radioactive waste within the states that generate them, or to create additional regional radioactive waste disposal sites. Such legislation has been introduced by Congressman McCormack to authorize 12 regional sites. This would ease the burden for disposal currently on the state of Washington.

I have asked, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has agreed, to expand an existing contract with Washington's Radiation Control Program providing for our own closer surveillance of shipments of waste which will be arriving at the disposal site at Hanford.

Your thoughts are appreciated and thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,


Dixy Lee Ray
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