Chairman Meserve's Comments on COMNJD-99-006

I share Commissioner Diaz's perception that industry consolidation may have consequences for the NRC oversight of industry activities and that the Commission should be attentive to the implications of consolidation. In light of the fact that the restructuring of the industry is only now unfolding and that the NRC is about to launch a new oversight program, I join in Commissioner Merrifield's suggestion that the implications of restructuring might best be considered by the staff in its assessment of the new oversight process that is due to the Commission in June 2001.