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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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Dear Sirs,

More frequently recently I have been encountering attempts to suppress the democratic process by reducing public access to government decision making while increasing access for large multi-national profit-making companies that just happen to be large campaign contributions. This is excused by the desire to make the decision process "more efficient". If this is the definition of "efficient" in a democracy, wouldn't it be more "efficient" to close up the government and let the corporations run the country, or has this already happened?

As you might expect, I am opposed to the NRC proposed rulemaking as described in The Federal Register, April 16, 2001, Vol. 66 to change the licensing hearing process for nuclear power reactors. The public is entitled to full and meaningful participation in an on-the-record hearing process for the licensing of new reactors, the relicensing of aging reactors and industry amendments to operating license safety requirements.

Thank you,

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