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Secretary
Nuclear Regulatory Agency
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to voice my objections to the proposed licensing rules change for nuclear power plants, both new and renewals, which would in essence eliminate public comment. In a democracy processes which affect the public are subject to public oversight and comment. To eliminate the insights of those most likely to be affected not only runs counter to our most cherished principles, it is also potentially dangerous. The danger lies not just in the potential harm of nuclear power plants, but in the idea that in order to facilitate a process for a business or corporation, it is acceptable to leave ordinary people out of the process. Please do not implement this or any other rules change which limits or eliminates public input into the approval process. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Erik Nielsen