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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

We are 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.

We view the proposed rule change as fundamentally undemocratic and a violation of the public's due process in licensing hearings regarding health and safety. The benefits would accrue only to the nuclear industry through an expedited licensing process where meaningful public participation is systematically curtailed or eliminated.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Senator Max Cleland
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