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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Hearings Officer

Once again the Bush administration is trying to scale back public participation and operate behind closed doors to avoid broad public input.

This time the situation involves a draft policy statement issued by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission to weaken its Environmental Justice Rules, making it more difficult to bring up environmental justice issues in nuclear siting and operations hearings.

Reward your campaign contributors. Another new approach used by the Bush administration frequently to change public policy. This new draft policy is in response to the atomic industry's Nuclear Energy Institute(NEI) plea to exempt them from any racist practices.

This is a fundamental human rights issue. While we are supposedly fighting for human rights across the globe, some of our own human rights in America are quietly disappearing through actions like this.

We want a longer time for the public to comment on this outrageous proposed policy change.

We want public hearings across the nation, so citizens know what they may face in the future.

Sincerely,

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