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Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudication Staff

Re: Policy Statement on the Treatment of Environmental Justice Matters in NRC  
Regulatory and Licensing Actions (Federal Register, November 5, 2003, V. 68,  
No. 214; pp 62642-62645)

Dear Secretary:

I am writing to request an extension of the public comment period for the  
draft policy statement referenced above.

As you know, this draft policy statement represents the Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission's position on how to address fundamental matters of human rights,  
racial bigotry, and environmental justice. As such, this draft policy  
statement has an importance that transcends the extremely important nuclear  
siting issues it is narrowly focused upon; it is a statement that has  
relevance and meaning societally as well.

I believe a draft policy of such broad public interest should receive broad  
public comment and participation from Americans from every part of the  
country.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the NRC hold no less than ten public  
meetings, in widely separated parts of the United States, where NRC officials  
will explain this draft policy, and accept oral public comment. I suggest  
that, among other possible locations, that these meetings be held in Chicago;  
Port Gibson, Mississippi; Homer, Louisiana; Albuquerque, New Mexico;  
Charlottesville, Virginia; Las Vegas, Nevada; San Francisco, California; New  
York, NY; Atlanta and Washington, DC in order to achieve the broadest possible  
public involvement.

I also respectfully insist that the public comment period be extended by  
approximately 180 days, or until July 4, 2004—a date which I am convinced the  
NRC will agree would represent an appropriate conclusion for an issue  
involving fundamental human rights.

I look forward to your speedy response.

Sincerely,

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