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NRC Secretary

Dear Secretary,

Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear NRC,

I am writing in strong support of the American Physical Society's petition (Docket ID NRC-2010-0372) to change NRC rules to require proliferation analyses as part of the NRC licensing process.

New nuclear technologies, such as the proposed GE-Hitachi laser enrichment facility in North Carolina, could pose unique and substantial proliferation risks. The Atomic Energy Act requires NRC to deny licenses that would be "inimical to the common defense and security" of the United States. Therefore, the NRC is obligated to analyze the proliferation implications of these new technologies within its licensing process.

I urge the NRC to accept APS' petition and change NRC rules to require a thorough analysis of the implications of licensing new nuclear technologies.

Sincerely,

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