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Good morning,

I was on the telephone with a member of Southern Company discussing the Georgia AP1000s when I heard mentioned the words "Intellectual Property". Well, I don't know exactly what that is and I certainly did not expect such an obligation after you agree to spend 14 or maybe 27 BILLION US DOLLARS for two plants.

But it doesn't matter what I thought or what I didn't know. What does matter is that Intellectual Property will be one more responsibility when running the AP1000 and we need somebody now to determine how that will or might affect the ability of the owner over the proposed life of the plant to keep the place safe.

I am asking that the NRC take the lead on this effort. A first reference could be the September 2018 "Mechanical Engineering" article on page 37. The title is: "Can You Repair What You Own?".

Will the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, as presently written, degrade, over time, the safety enhancement efforts we now expect from the commercial nuclear industry?

Thank you,

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