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Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Sir;

I hereby request in the names of all people who are trying to rush comments to you to comply with what, I consider, is inadequate time for comment, an extension of the present comment period, to 180 Days or more, in the matter of NUREG-0956-
"Reassessment of the Technical Basis for Estimating Source Term,"

Consider that this Document represents countless man-hours by NRC Staff Employees, striving to comply themselves with the time constraints put on Staff by the Commissioners, to give them the wherewithall they needed to bring Utilities, beleaguered with the costly and cumbersome Backfits mandated after the TMI Debacle in 1979, out from the Regulatory yoke by cancelling and severely altering the safety-related measures required, by simply altering the way that emissions from an accident are calculated and assessed. True to form, but understandably, after years of Proposals, Public Hearings, etc., Staff produced the document we have before us for our final consideration prior to its becoming law in the Spring of 1986.

The "fast track" status that is afforded this Document in the form of a 90 Day comment period is appalling in light of the awesome weight that comments will be given before final approval. But it seems that another rationale will prevail- No Comments/ No Opposition!

While years would truly be needed to study the Document before making comments, that of course, would be absurd to ask. But because many of those who wish to make comments have followed the process on Source Term long enough not to need background on the subject, a modest increase in the time allowed will make it possible to elicit well thought out public comment, before we embark on a course that will not only effect the future cost of nuclear power in this country, but more importantly, will effect the basic safety of millions of us who live next to operating nuclear plants.

Because this Document will also affect those who are yet to live near the prototype "Standardized Plants", this comment period will prove to be a momentous occasion, overshadowed only by the revelation that generic problems with existing nuclear plants will make their continued operation neither technologically nor economically feasible.

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Until that date arrives, I hope that you will allow extra time to those who ponder their comments on NUREG 0956, so that their reservations with the Proposals will be duly documented, weighed and incorporated in the final Regulation stemming from these proceedings.

I trust that my request of you will find your favor.

Respectfully Submitted ;

Donald C. Frisco, Chairman

cc: Senator Joseph Biden
Senator William Roth
Congressman Thomas Carper