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AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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ACTION: Proposed rule: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 9, 1985 (50 FR 13978), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a proposed rule to amend its regulations defining an "extraordinary nuclear occurrence" (ENO). The proposed changes are designed to simplify the administrative criteria used by the Commission in making an ENO determination and to avoid the problems encountered by the Commission in applying the existing criteria to the accident at Three Mile Island. Several groups have expressed interest in an extension of the comment period in order to fully evaluate the issues raised and develop comments on the proposed rule. In particular, the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF) requested an extension of the comment period in order for AIF's Insurance and Indemnity Committee to discuss the proposed rule at its scheduled August 20, 1985, meeting. In view of the significance of the proposed rule, in which three alternatives were given, and the desirability of developing a final rule as soon as practicable, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days. The original comment period for this proposed rule is due to expire on August 7, 1985.

DATE: The extended comment period expires September 6, 1985. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before that date.

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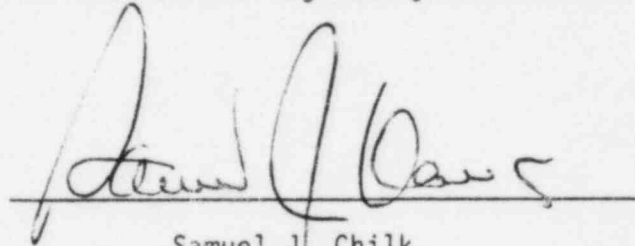
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ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Secretary of the Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. Copies of comments received may be examined and copied for a Fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. T. Peterson, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 301-427-4353.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 5th day of August 1985.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Samuel J. Chilk,

Secretary of the Commission.