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Secretary of the Commission
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Attention: Docketing and Services Branch

Dear Sir:

This letter is in support of the proposed rule requiring Financial Responsibility Requirements Applicable to NRC Licensees for Cleanup of Accidental and Unexpected Releases of Radioactive Material. The potential for harm to the public health is very great for some radioactive materials and it is important that all spills be cleaned up promptly. Even for materials with very short half-lives provision should be made for surveys and cleanup if necessary. It is therefore suggested that a limited fund be made available to cover survey and cleanup of incidents involving radioactive materials with short half-lives which decay will probably have begun before cleanup could be started. A larger fund should be provided for those materials with longer half-lives, have stronger radiation or are biologically more active.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our views.

Sincerely,

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