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RE: NUREG-0956, request for extension of public comment period

Dear Sir:

The NRC has issued NUREG-0956 as a draft report for public comment. According to NRC press release No. 85-113, the public comment period closes on October 7, 1985, or about 60 days after the release date.

I am writing to request an extension of the public comment period from 60 days to 120 days. The reasons for my request are as follows:

1) We did not receive the draft report until some weeks into the 60 day comment period and we know of other interested parties who have not yet received it at all.

2) Due to the summer season, many interested individuals are on vacation. In particular, many universities will be out of session until the middle or end of September. University faculty and others will only then receive the report and begin to review it.

3) NUREG-0956 is of substantial length and, more important, it may be of considerable regulatory significance. Therefore an adequate review may take at least 120 days.

Considering that the comment period for proposed rules (which take up a single page or two in the Federal Register) is typically 60 days, a 120 day comment period for NUREG-0956 (which is perhaps 150 pages long) seems only reasonable.

Sincerely,

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### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has issued a draft report describing the "...NRC staff and contractor efforts to reassess and update the agency's analytical procedures for estimating accident source terms for nuclear power plants. A source term is defined as the quantity, timing and characteristics of the release of radioactive material to the environment following a core melt accident." A copy of the report's "Executive Summary" is attached for your information.

The staff is inviting written comments on the draft report. They should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. They should be received by October 7 this year. The draft report is titled "Reassessment of the Technical Bases for Estimating Source Terms" and is identified as NUREG-0956. Single copies are available, free of charge, on written request to the Division of Technical Information and Document Control, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.

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