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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Review of
Enforcement Policy is seeking public comments on a number of issues
and questions relating to the NRC's enforcement policy.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today,
January 9, 1985.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Rep. Carlos Moorhead

IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO:
Sen. Simpson/cc: Sen. Hart
Rep. Udall/ cc: Rep. Lujan
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NRC AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Review of Enforcement Policy is seeking public comments on a number of issues and questions relating to the NRC's enforcement policy.

The ad hoc advisory committee was established by the Commission in August 1984 to undertake an in-depth study of the effectiveness of the NRC enforcement program.

The committee is interested in having public comments on the effect, if any, that the present NRC enforcement policy has had on:

1. The prompt detection and correction of violations by licensees;
2. The prompt reporting of violations by licensees;
3. The prevention of violations by licensees;
4. The safety record of licensees;
5. The morale of licensees and their employees;
6. The public's confidence in the Commission's enforcement program; and
7. The willingness of workers and members of the public to report alleged violations.

The committee particularly is asking for comments relating to the following features of the enforcement policy:

1. Are the tables of civil penalty levels set at appropriate amounts?
2. Upward and downward adjustment of base civil penalties;

3. Classification of violations by severity level;
4. Policy on material false statements;
5. Relative emphasis on negative and positive incentives;
6. Progressive escalation of enforcement sanctions;
7. Enforcement procedures such as enforcement conferences and publicity policy.

Comments are also requested on the following questions:

1. Under what circumstances, if any, should the NRC impose sanctions directly on individuals responsible for violations?
2. What has been the effect of regionalization on the enforcement program and its implementation?
3. Does the present system identify root causes of violations so that effective corrective actions can be taken? Are lessons learned effectively promulgated to the industry and, if so, by what means?
4. Should the NRC consider increasing its reliance for compliance on licensee self-identification or evaluations of third parties?

The committee may wish to have a viewpoint summarized orally at a public meeting. Comments should include the name of the person willing to make such a presentation.

Written comments should be received by February 28. They should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

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