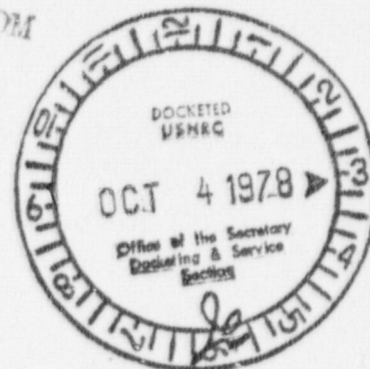


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Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION I OF APPENDIX E OF 10 CFR 50

Nuclear energy has been an important and controversial topic in the last few months. It has been called both a solution to the energy crisis and a hazard to our health. It has been the subject of volumes of articles, both pro and con, and numerous debates and protests.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission was established to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public from the possible dangers of nuclear power. With all we've heard lately about the hazards of nuclear power, any regulation that adds to the protection afforded the public is a welcome measure.

As such a measure, I support the amendment to Appendix E. The safety of the public should be guarded in all phases of your Commission's reviews of nuclear power plants, whether that phase be construction or licensing. Extension of emergency procedures to areas outside the low population zone through cooperation with local, State, and Federal officials is obviously a necessary measure if nuclear power plants and production facilities are to be accepted by the public.

However, I think that a note of caution should be interjected here. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been criticized recently for insufficient inspection of nuclear power plants and production facilities under consideration. Again, if nuclear power is going to be accepted, the commission should be very strict in regard to enforcement of its rules and regulations. Regulations like 10 CFR Part 50 cannot be effective if they are not followed through; that is, regulations such as those proposed will be totally ineffective without proper enforcement and documentation of that enforcement. The public has a right to know about the enforcement of these regulations; it is their safety that is the issue.

Again, let me reiterate my support of the amendment to Section I of Appendix E of 10 CFR Part 50, and urge stringent enforcement of this, and all regulations dealing with the nuclear power issue.

Sincerely,

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