



Secretary of the Commission  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Sir - This letter is in regard to the NRC proposed rules pertaining to emergency evacuation of areas around a nuclear power plant. My concern is that the rules do not go far enough to assure safety to residents within the immediate area of an operating nuclear plant. In my opinion, emergency procedures should involve a much larger area than 10 miles. The issue of evacuation and preparedness within a radius of 50 (FIFTY) miles should be a factor in licensing decisions on site selection. Nuclear power plants should be located in remote sites.

I am particularly concerned about the present plan to locate a nuclear power plant within 50 miles of downtown Houston. The site location was picked in the early 1970's. The plant

would not be completed before 1990 (assuming no further delays). The plant would probably be decommissioned about 2030. Two million people now live within a 50 mile radius. Assuming doubling in 15 years (a mere  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  growth rate in a rapidly growing area) the population within 50 miles can be estimated to be about 9 million in 2030. An orderly evacuation plan would be hopeless. As a graphic example we now concede that evacuation of <sup>the</sup> Dalmatian area in advance of a major hurricane is now hopeless.

The public can no longer be fooled by half hearted efforts in responding to the Three Mile Island incident. We have a much better feeling about the awesome potential for major catastrophe represented by a nuclear power plant.

Respectfully Submitted

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