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Secretary  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Chief, Docketing and Service Section

Dear Sir:

Citizens United for Responsible Energy (CURE) petitions the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to rescind Section 20.403 (Title 10, Chapter 1), Code of Federal Regulations.

The basis for the request comes from the lax rules now in existence in Section 20.403 (Notification of Incidents) which allow up to 24 hours in certain instances for reporting abnormal occurrences in nuclear power plants, and because of ~~the absence of rules requiring any communications with state agencies within close geographic proximity.~~

Our proposed rules would amend the previously cited section so that all abnormal incidents "shall be reported immediately (within 1/2 hour) to the Director of the appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection and Enforcement Regional Office." (Abnormal Incident shall be defined as one which involves the release of radioactive products to either the air or water.) The utility involved shall also be required to report immediately (within 1/2 hour) to the director of a designated state agency responsible for public health and safety which is within 200 miles of such incident.

Our petition is prompted by numerous incidents occurring in close proximity to Iowa, as well as in other sections of the country, which have not been reported promptly to state officials. We request a full hearing on these proposed changes in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

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