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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my alarm and concern over the increasingly broad applications of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-0586, August, 1988). Current regulations regarding the decommissioning of nuclear power facilities do not allow for a sufficient level of public input and ignore concerns over nuclear safety that may be specific to a particular site. The GEIS should be accompanied by a site specific Environmental Impact Statement that also takes into account surrounding areas that may also be subject to radiation exposure during reactor decommissioning and its accompanying residual radioactive contamination cleanup efforts. The decommissioning of reactor sites is a process that concerns the public as well as utilities. Its involvement should not be bypassed in favor of speedy, and potentially dangerous, cleanup methods (most notably the "Decon" process), and the blanket application of GEIS. Nuclear decommissioning is too delicate a process to be carried out in the name of expediency rather than public safety. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice Slater  
President

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