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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the NRC proposed rulemaking as described in The Federal Register, April 16, 2001, Vol. 66 that would change the licensing hearing process for nuclear power reactors.

I am a resident of a town located 12 miles from an operating nuclear reactor; I have also visited the site of Chernobyl, in the Ukraine, and seen the belt of scarred and devastated land surrounding that site. Such an incident must *never* be allowed to happen here, near my nor anyone else's home. As such, the public is entitled to full and meaningful participation in an on-the-record hearing process for the licensing of new reactors, the re-licensing of aging reactors, and industry amendments to operating license safety requirement.

The licensing process for the nuclear industry should be held accountable to formal hearings with full public disclosure of safety issues and the guaranteed right to cross-examination of witnesses on statements of fact in a trial-type proceedings.

Please enter my letter of opposition into the formal record of proceedings on this issue.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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