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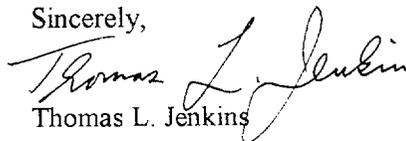
Office of the Secretary
Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I have examined the proposed rules to amend 10 CFR part 1, et seq., "Changes to Adjudicatory Process", and would like to express my concern about them. I am particularly alarmed about provisions that would eliminate, or seriously compromise, commonly accepted procedures such as discovery and cross-examination of witnesses. In view of the public concern about nuclear power, I believe it is essential to provide the maximum legal protection for citizens who wish to participate in proceedings for issuing, amending or renewing nuclear plant licenses. It is also essential that these protections be retained for hearings involving the licensing of nuclear waste disposal, since that is certainly an issue that has not been properly resolved.

I do not believe that any reasonable case can be made for these rule changes and strongly urge you not to adopt them.

Sincerely,


Thomas L. Jenkins