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attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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RULEMAKINGS AND  
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Dear Sirs:

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

Here are my reasons why:

1. Nuclear power plants are inherently dangerous, dealing with hazardous substances - I see the NRC as ~~the~~ agency that will ensure the protection of the public and the environment in which we live, from the dangers and hazardous substances of the nuclear industry. The NRC is not there as an agent of the nuclear industry. The NRC is not there to promote the nuclear industry.
2. The public has a right to full and meaningful participation in an on-the-record hearing process for the licensing of new reactors, the relicensing of aging reactors, and for industry amendments to operating license safety requirements. The public needs this right to make sure the NRC is really protecting the environment.
3. TEMPLATE = SECY-067 The NRC should answer first SECY/02 to us,

the citizens they are there to serve. Thus,  
the hearing process is vital to this  
process!

Thank you for this opportunity to  
comment.

Sincerely,  
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