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The Secretary  
United States Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Director, Division of Licensing and Regulation

Dear Sir:

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers has considered your proposed regulation 10CFR106 Reactor Site Criteria, published in the Federal Register dated February 11, 1961.

The Society believes that these proposed site criteria should not be applied to nuclear propelled merchant ships as they would preclude the use of atomic energy for such applications. Merchant ships, to carry out their normal function, must be able to enter and leave ports in populated areas. Where nuclear propelled merchant ships are involved, they will be specially designed with this in view. Therefore, the proposed site criteria regulations should be revised to indicate clearly that they do not apply to such ships.

Very truly yours,

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