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Honorable Clinton P. Anderson Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Congress of the United States

Dear Senator Anderson;

The Commission has approved for publication in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rule making to state factors involved in evaluating power and test reactor sites in order to invite public comment on these site factors and on the development of more definitive site criteria.

The development of site criteria is a complex problem because of the wide variation in environmental conditions in different locations and the variations in reactor characteristics and associated protection which can be engineered into a reactor facility. Any criteria developed should be generally applicable to widely variable conditions. Comments and suggestions of the interested public on this problem are being solicited at this time.

On the basis of the comments received, the Commission will consider the advisability of revising its regulations to include more definitive provisions for site evaluation.

This important subject of site evaluation is under continuing study by the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED. A. R. LUEDECKE

General Manager

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