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Mr. Harold L. Price, Director
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Price:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated May 26, 1959, and attached copy of the proposed Atomic Energy Commission's rule making on reactor site criteria.

Our comments on the proposed rule making are as follows:

1. Definite criteria based on maximum radioactive levels should be incorporated into any design specifications for waste disposal facilities.
2. Of the many variables involved, it would seem (in conjunction with the above statement) that special attention should be placed upon geological and hydrological studies inasmuch as the safe handling, storage, and disposition of radioactive wastes are dependent upon extensive investigations of these physical aspects at the reactor site.
3. As each reactor type presents a different problem, it may be technically feasible to group basic specifications for adequate waste control facilities under these various types as model criteria for design. Such standards would, immediately, preclude the development of a reactor at many proposed sites based upon unfavorable initial investigations.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this matter and if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

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