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Mr. Harold L. Price  
Director  
Division of Licensing and Regulation  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding reactor siting criteria and for the copy of a notice of proposed rule making by the Atomic Energy Commission.

After reviewing the literature available, which deals with reactor hazards and site evaluation criteria, it appears that your proposal is congruous with current thought and covers well the areas that would influence most the consequences of a reactor incident.

Presently the State of Missouri does not have atomic reactors nor are there any under construction. However, anticipating development in this direction there was passed during the last legislative session a bill which would create a State Atomic Energy Commission. The bill is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

The Missouri Division of Health is aware of the many new problems presented by the use of atomic energy, and is preparing as rapidly as possible to meet them. In the meantime, we are encouraged that the Atomic Energy Commission is continuing to accept the responsibility of making as sure as possible that the tools of the "Atomic Age" are handled in a way that the health and safety of the people will be preserved.

Sincerely,

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