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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D.C.
Division of Licensing and Regulation

Subject: Proposed Rule Making
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10 CFR Chapter 1

Gentlemen:

The notice above referred to has come to the attention of the Standards Committee of the American Nuclear Society, and has been given preliminary consideration by them. As a result I have been instructed to request, on behalf of the committee, that the date for return of comments on the proposed rule making be extended by at least 90 days. Such an extension will enable the committee properly to study this important matter and to formulate comments on it which will then be sent to you.

Preliminary examination of the proposed rule making has raised in the minds of the committee members a number of questions which need further study. The results of this study might significantly affect certain parts of the proposed regulation, and we feel very urgently that the Commission should have the benefit of our considered views. As example, I may site questions relative to the numerical value of the site exclusion zone, its dependence or lack of dependence on containment provisions, and certain ambiguities regarding the identity of the person or body who is to decide whether "reasonable assurance" of site safety is given or whether "undue hazard" does not exist.

Your favorable consideration of this request for extension of the date for comments is respectfully and urgently requested.

Very truly yours,

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