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Gentlemen:

I have just seen the proposed rules for reactor site evaluation published in the Federal Register for May, 1959. Although the date by which you wished for comments is long since passed, the statement that "deposits of relatively impermeable soils over ground water courses are desirable" disturbs me. The desirability of impermeable soils is certainly questionable, and my own opinion is that a permeable terrain is far preferable. Indeed, this is the point of view which I have been teaching our foreign students at the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology.

What is the present state of the proposed rules or criteria for site evaluation, and what is going to be done with them?

Very truly yours,

Wallace de Laguna

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