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Dr. Leslie Silverman, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Silverman:

You will recall that in the spring of 1959 the Commission published for public comment proposed criteria for the evaluation of sites for power and testing reactors. Since those proposed criteria were published, the matter of site criteria has been receiving almost continuous attention from the Commission staff and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. A new approach to site criteria has gradually emerged and has been embodied in several drafts prepared by the staff and made available informally to the ACRS during recent months. Those drafts have been discussed by the staff on several occasions with members of the Advisory Committee, in particular, members of the Environmental Subcommittee headed by Dr. C. Rogers McGullough.

As the Chairman has publicly stated, the Commission desires to establish site criteria as soon as possible. In view of that fact we believe that the new approach to site criteria, along the lines of the draft attached to this letter, should be laid before the Commission with a view to publication for public comment. The General Manager has asked that I send this draft to you with the request that the Commission be given the comments of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as soon as may be convenient, regarding the suitability of the draft for publication for public comment.

I am sending you this draft at this time in order that it may be available to the Committee during its meetings this week.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) William F. Finan

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Dear Dr. Silverman:

In the spring of 1959 the Commission published for public comment proposed criteria for the evaluation of sites for power and testing reactors. Numerous comments were filed by interested members of the public objecting to the proposed criteria. In light of these comments and further consideration by the staff, we have developed a new approach to the problem of establishing site criteria. This is set forth in the draft of proposed site criteria enclosed herewith.

The technical and policy considerations underlying the new criteria and preliminary drafts of these criteria have been discussed by the staff on several occasions in recent months with members of the Advisory Committee.

The Commission hopes to establish further site criteria as soon as possible and we plan to submit the draft criteria to the Commission for consideration in the near future. We should appreciate the comments of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on the draft as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

General Manager

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