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**MEETING WITH ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM ON PROPOSED SITE
CRITERIA MARCH 17, 1961**

At the request of the Atomic Industrial Forum, the writer met on the above date with 24 members of a committee of the Atomic Industrial Forum, appointed to study the problem of site criteria (list of members attached). The committee had held extensive discussion of the proposed site criteria prior to the arrival of the writer.

Mr. Kenneth Davis, Chairman of the AIF Committee, in presenting Dr. Beck to the group, commented on their awareness of the great difficulty of writing site criteria and their recognition that the published regulation constituted the most comprehensive and competent effort in this direction which had thus far been accomplished.

Dr. Beck explained briefly some of the background philosophy and objective in the development of the proposed guides and explained briefly its major features.

The meeting was then opened for general discussion which continued for about three hours on a wide variety of topics. Members of the committee, in general, were not adverse to having the information presented in the guides publicly available and utilized by the AEC in the selection of sites. The general consensus was that they constituted a valuable contribution in the direction of clarification and articulation of policy in this area.

However, the group was almost unanimous in its opposition to certain features of the guides which were expressed in a wide variety of ways. Basically the following two items constituted the heart of the opposition of the committee to the proposed criteria:

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1. They believed that the proposed criteria offered too many open invitations and advantageous levers for prospective interveners; and
2. They believed that these criteria would establish a concept which would forever require substantial isolation distance and prevent eventual dependence on engineering safeguards in lieu of separation.

Additional comments included the following: (a) No reduction in severity of the requirements or the numbers in the regulations can ever be achieved in the future, however much confidence in safety may increase because, in the first place, AEC probably would not have sufficient courage to accept the implication of reduced safety, and in the second place, if reductions were proposed, they would constitute further invitations to interveners. (b) What of development and growth of population in the evacuation zone after a reactor was built? As soon as a population criterion should be exceeded, it would constitute an open invitation for an intervener's injunction; if a reactor could not then be built in the location, its operation should not continue, would be the argument.

The attitude of the group was not hostile to the proposed guides but rather indicated their substantial concern about the two main points indicated above. It was agreed that they would study the proposed guides further and submit suggestions for revisions to the Commission probably as individuals rather than as a group.

Enclosure:
List of attendees

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REACTOR SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 17, 1961

List of Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Company</u>
W. Kenneth Davis, Chairman	Rechtel Corporation
J. L. Allen	Edis. Electric Co.
Norton Beckman	Detroit Edison Co.
Gerrald Charzoff	Atomic Industrial Forum
Roger Cox	Yankee Atomic Electric Co.
Giovanni D'Arduino	Balini - Ediscorvita
Barold Hisington	Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.
J. F. Palmer	Con Edison Co. of N.Y.
Carl Gornetsfelder	General Electric Co.
B. John Garrick	Holmes & Narver, Inc.
John E. Gray	Nuclear Utility Services
W. E. Johnson	Westinghouse Electric Corp.
Kenneth Kauschan	Alco Products, Inc.
R. W. Kuyp	Con Edison Co. of N.Y.
Robert L. Menegus	E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.
G. R. Milne	Con Edison Co.
Zon Ross	Barton Nuclear
Charles Robbins	Atomic Industrial Forum
B. Roy Shultz	General Electric Co.
Chauncey Starr	Atomics International
Harold Venn	Jackson & Moreland, Inc.

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