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Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

**Re: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Proposed Rule RIN 3150-AG63, Power
Reactor Security Requirements**

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

On October 26, 2006 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a Federal Register Notice asking for public comment on the agency's proposed rule regarding power reactor security requirements found in 10 CFR Parts 50, 72 and 73. The proposed rule would amend the current security regulations and add new security requirements pertaining to nuclear power reactors, as well as adding new security requirements for Category 1 strategic special nuclear materials facilities. The original deadline for submitting public comments was January 9, 2007. This deadline was extended 60 days to February 23, 2007 in response to a request by the Nuclear Energy Institute made on November 16, 2006.

A Category 3 NRC public meeting on this proposed rule scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2007 was postponed due to inclement weather. According to the NRC Staff contact for this meeting, the purpose was to "clarify any aspects of the proposed rule that may be confusing to stakeholders... By clarifying these areas, we hope to enable more informed public comment." Due in large part to the postponement of this meeting and the additional information it would have provided to stakeholders, we are writing to request an additional 60 day extension of the comment period to allow full public participation in the rulemaking process. Given the length of the proposed rule (over 100 pages) and the extensive supporting documents that must be reviewed, we believe our request is entirely reasonable. If our request is granted, we are assuming the aforementioned public meeting will be rescheduled and take place before the new comment period deadline is reached.

This proposed rule will potentially affect the ability of nuclear power plant operators to defend against terrorist attack or sabotage in the future. It is essential that all members of the public have a reasonable opportunity to carefully review the rule and ask questions of

the NRC regarding its implementation, so that public comments submitted will be as well-informed and substantive as possible. Extending the comment period to include the rescheduled Category 3 public meeting will go a long way towards achieving this goal.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to an expeditious decision before the current comment period expires on February 23. Please contact Lisa Rainwater at Riverkeeper (914-478-4501 x224 or lisa@riverkeeper.org) with your response or questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

Please find attached a request from Riverkeeper, co-signed by five advocacy groups, to extend the public comment period an additional sixty days for the above-referenced proposed rule. You should receive a hard copy of the request by regular mail in the next few days.

Thank you,

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