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To the Attention of Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff:

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Subject: Request for Extension of Comment Period

May 18, 2009 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a proposed rule amending emergency planning and preparedness regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. See 74 Federal Reg. 23,254; May 18 2009. Both the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published related guidance for public comment on that date. See 74 Federal Reg. 23,198, 23,219, 23220, 23221. Public comments on the proposed rule and supporting guidance are currently due before August 3, 2009 and the draft Regulation Guide DG-1237 before September 1, 2009.

I am requesting that the public comment period for the above mentioned regulations be extended to at least October 16, 2009 for both agencies.

The proposed changes are the first major in almost twenty-five years. The rule change codifies the NRC orders and requirements and is extensive enough to warrant careful study by all agencies involved. The massive volume of documentation presented for review requires the addition time for a careful review. *It will also require time for local jurisdictions to adapt to the new regulations.*

As a local official directly affected by this process I respectfully request the public comment period on the rulemaking be extended from 75 to 150 days, which would make the public comments due on or about October 16, 2009.

Sincerely,

Robert Cole

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