



UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
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(Identical letters sent to those on attached list)

Dear Sir:

The Atomic Energy Commission has adopted the enclosed revision of Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50 of its regulations pertaining to implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

Revised Appendix D is an interim statement of the Commission's policy and procedures for implementing NEPA in compliance with the July 23, 1971, decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Calvert Cliffs' Coordinating Committee, Inc., et al v. United States Atomic Energy Commission, et al.

The revision takes into account the views expressed at the conference of nuclear power industry, environmental organizations and State and Federal representatives conducted by the AEC on this subject on August 27, 1971, in Germantown, Maryland.

As noted in the enclosure, since this revision of Appendix D was necessary to comply with the Court of Appeals' decision, the Commission found good cause existed for omitting the usual notice of proposed rule making and public procedure thereon as unnecessary and impracticable and for making the revision effective upon publication.

However, the Commission is inviting written comments and suggestions concerning Appendix D from all interested persons within 60 days after publication. Those comments will be considered with the view toward possible further amendments. I also am enclosing for your information a copy of a document entitled, "Scope of Applicants' Environmental Reports with Respect to Transportation, Transmission Lines, and Accidents."

Sincerely,

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Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Revised Appendix D
2. "Scope of Applicants' . . ."

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