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To whom it may concern:

The proposed rule to eliminate the requirement for emergency planning beyond the fence line of the newer type of nuclear reactor is flawed and short-sighted. In essence, it involves getting rid of safety standards for an untested and potentially fatally hazardous product, putting people and their water supply at risk. When nuclear reactors entered the American energy scene some fifty plus years ago, perhaps scientists (and certainly not the general public) weren't aware of all their inherent potential dangers. And in any case, adequate thought was not given to the problem with what to do with the radioactive waste they produced. Today, based on available information about all of these things, the safety of the people of our country and our state should come before economic considerations of any kind. The information that citizens of Idaho are being fed regarding the NuScale project slated for construction in the Southeast part of our state is misleading. It touts the NuScale as much smaller and, hence, much safer than older reactors. The number of NuScale units needed for the proposed amount of energy generation adds up to the output and dangers of a large older plant. It is said that NuScale is safer as well, but one hasn't been built before. Are we to just take the company that builds these reactors at their word?

Based on all of the above concerns, please do not give a green light to building NuScales here in Idaho. These reactors are touted as being the wave of the future, but I would say that renewable, clean energy (wind, solar, biofuel, biomass, hydro, tidal, etc.) is the wave of the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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