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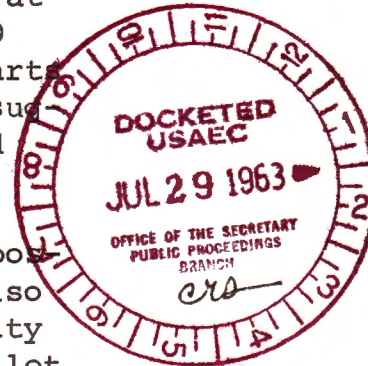
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Mr. Robert F. Barker, Chief  
Engineering Standards Branch  
Division of Licensing and Regulation  
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D.C.



Dear Mr. Barker:

Thank you very much for your note of May 8 attached to the duplicate copies of R & R Title 10 and the items from the 28th Federal Register, Parts 70, 71 and 72. You suggested that I might have suggestions or comments with respect to brevity and clarity of these papers.



While I know it is difficult and almost impossible to make papers of this sort brief, I am also aware that the very length and apparent complexity of these R & R are a roadblock to progress in a lot of atomic energy work. For example, during this last week I talked with an industrial executive who utilizes radio isotopes. I must admit I was a little surprised -- and even shocked -- when he made the statement that the licensing requirements cost them more in actual dollars than did the radio isotopes upon which their business is founded. Having been working with Paul Aebersold of the Division of Isotope Development to increase the use of isotopes, you can see how this statement was a setback.

Realizing the difficulties in simplifying and shortening papers of the type you sent me, I still think any progress - however slight - in that direction would be real progress towards commercial utilization of atomic energy.

Sincerely yours,

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