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Secretary of the Commission  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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ATTN: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in reply to Notice PRM-30-56 (44 FR 97) regarding a petition from Gulf Nuclear, Inc. This petition proposed that NRC establish a separate organization to regulate byproduct materials.

ATA member airlines use byproduct materials to conduct radiographic inspections of aircraft and engine components as part of their Federal Aviation Administration approved safety maintenance programs.

Current NRC regulation of byproduct materials has unnecessarily restricted airline users of such materials.

ATA member airlines support the petition of Gulf Nuclear, Inc., and request that a separate NRC organization be established to regulate by-product material.

Sincerely,

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