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Secretary of the Commission  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Secretary:

I have just completed reading over the NRC's experimental "plain english" version of the Freedom of Information Act Rules. I must say that I am most impressed and therefore this letter. The material as presented in your April 23, 1979 revision is in my opinion, the first time the NRC or for that matter, any governmental agency has written its regulations in an understandable manner. I found the "plain english" choice of words, content to be appropriate, readable and comprehensible.

The only comment I personally have concerns about is the frequent references to the U.S. Code and its sections, subsections. For the non-legal mind, the constant reference to the U.S.C. has little or no use or value. In fact, when I read the written material, the content becomes less meaningful because of the legal reference. I believe the references set up a somewhat defensive or questionable reaction in that I often feel that the written material as presented is not complete, thus the reference. If the legal references need to be used, then a suggestion might be to place them in a separate index for legal reference.

Other than the above comment, I would like to commend the NRC for its "plain english" format and I would very much condone its use. I am sure that you and your organization probably do not receive many thank you notes, so I do wish to thank all the individuals who are associated with this change. I am sure the "plain english" version will be appreciated by those that you serve.

Thank you

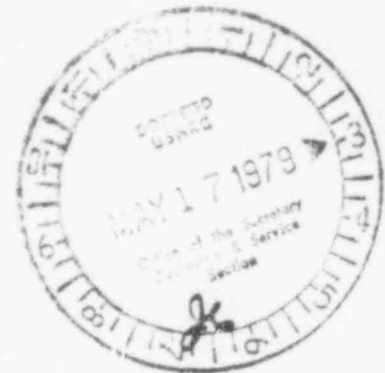
Sincerely,

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