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Secretary of Commission
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

I have received a copy of your proposed "Plain English" revision of Freedom of Information Act rule dated 23 April 1979. The specific comments on proposed revision include:

1. I find it written in a way which can be readily understood by the general public.
2. I feel it is quite simple for public to make a Freedom of Information Act request and understand what the procedures are.
3. In terms of any proposed changes in style, organization, format, or substance I would make the following suggestions:

When records concerning individuals or organizations are requested through the Freedom of Information Act, those individuals or organizations should be notified that a request has been received by your agency for the release of copies of documents pertaining to those individuals or organizations. This is certainly a reasonable request when one may find correspondence, applications, orders, and other materials which have been contained in documents and correspondence sent to your agency disseminated publicly without foreknowledge. Your regulations allow for a certain amount of discretion concerning personal, medical, and similar files which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. I think as much attention should be given to notifying those about whom information which was entrusted to your agency is divulged.

4. Let me commend you for implementing a plain English revision in part of your agency regulations. I certainly would encourage the widespread use of plain English in the rest of your regulations as well as throughout the local, state, and federal codes of regulation.

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Respectfully,

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