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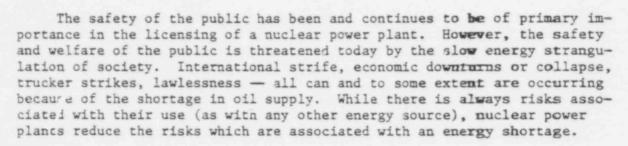
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Secretary of the Commission Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Reference: Immediate Effectiveness Rule 10 CFR 2.764

Dear Sir:



To place a requirement for absolute assurance of safety on nuclear plants and, therefore, accept automatically the risks associated with an energy shortage would be grossly illogical of the NRC and a public disservice. A primary goal of the NRC should be to support a procedure which allows a thorough review of the nuclear plant application in as short a period of time as possible. The NRC should continue the rule which allows for a construction permit to be issued on the basis of an initial decision of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The NRC, however, should make sure that the process which leads to the initial decision adequately covers the important issues.

In the whole process of licensing nuclear plants, the NRC should keep in mind that any additional delay in issuing construction permits for nuclear might reduce the risks of nuclear power somewhat but will surely increase the risks associated with a decreased energy supply situation.

Sincerely,

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