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Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary  
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Dear Mr. Chilk:

I have just read the recently released Statement of Interim Policy regarding Nuclear Power Plant Accident Considerations Under NEPA and have some questions and comments for your review.

First, on my copy, I could not find a citation for Footnote 4 (Memorandum and Order In the Matter of Offshore Power Systems). I would appreciate receiving a copy of that particular memo.

Secondly, I want to offer my personal support of the revised policy as presented in this Interim Policy. I hope that it is not weakened in any way as a result of comments you may receive through the September deadline. In fact, my request is for the strongest regulations possible to be applied to the development of any EIS required by NEPA. If the NEPA documents are to be of value, then they must be more than perfunctory exercises that are vulnerable to subjective decision-making.

In this regard, I want to strongly support Commissioners Gilinsky and Bradford (footnote 5) in their opposition to the inclusion of of the sentences which seem to state a disclaimer on the part of the NRC for past deficiencies. As I was reading the Interim Policy and the historical information concerning such policy, I was personally bothered by the implications of the revised policy. I was quite astonished to read that Class 9 accidents were not even lightly considered in the NEPA process because their probability of occurrence was so small!!! I wonder now how such a subjective, unscientific policy could have been applied to such important undertakings as the placement into the lives of the people of this country of potentially harmful power plant facilities. In any case, I concur with Gilinsky and Bradford that those two sentences are definitely inconsistent with an "even-handed reappraisal of the former, erroneous position on Class 9 accidents."

For your records, I am a private citizen who has become informed on nuclear issues by studying as much related information as time permits.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I trust that Commissioners Bradford and Gilinsky will be informed of these comments in support of their position.

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