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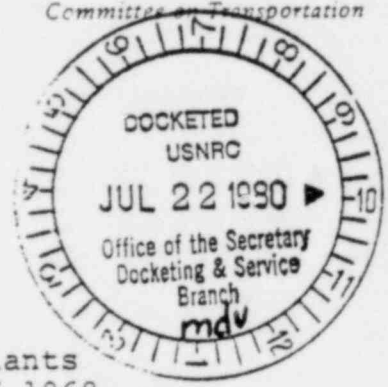
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Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Consideration of Accidents at Nuclear Power Plants  
Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969,  
45 F.R. 40103.

Dear Commission Secretary,

I would like to express concern, both for myself and my constituents, as to the NRC's policy of addressing so-called Class 9, or "core melt", accidents at nuclear power plants in the required environmental impact statement for such plants.

I am distressed to learn that the proposed Allen's Creek Nuclear Project of my legislative district is now exempt from the required inclusion of analyses regarding the impact of a Class 9 accident on the local population. The Allen's Creek Project has not started construction, nor a construction permit hearing held as yet. I also understand that your own staff has not as yet completed their own environmental review of the proposed site.

I firmly believe that the Allen's Creek Project, and all other nuclear projects where a construction permit has not been issued, be required to undergo an investigation of the full range of consequences possible from a Class 9 accident. Such investigation should determine possible aquifer contamination; farmland contamination; and the impact on the local population as a result of a Class 9 accident. In my opinion as a lawmaker, to do otherwise is not in the best interests of the public.

Once again, I strongly urge the Commission to require the Allen's Creek Project to include the full range of accident scenarios before a construction permit hearing is held. The constituents of my legislative district should have a full and complete understanding of all the ramifications of such a project.

With sincerest regards,

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