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Mr. Joseph M. Felton, Director Division of Rules and Records Office of Administration U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Felton:

I wish to submit the following comments concerning publication of petition for rulemaking from William K. Waston (Docket No. PRM-50-26) which requests that the Commission amend 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities".

I do not agree with the petition, and do not feel that the change is necessary. If a nuclear weapon were exploded in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant, the nuclear explosion would certainly do more damage and have just as long-term effects as any radioactive materials at a nuclear power plant. I feel it is a great overreaction on the part of Mr. Waston to be more concerned about possible radiation from a nuclear power plant than the holocaust associated with a five megaton nuclear explosion.

If such a petition is successful, the cost of nuclear power plants would be driven up even higher than they are now, and I am paying enough for energy as it is. The popular "what if" syndrome against nuclear power is absolutely getting out of hand.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this petition.

Sincerely,

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