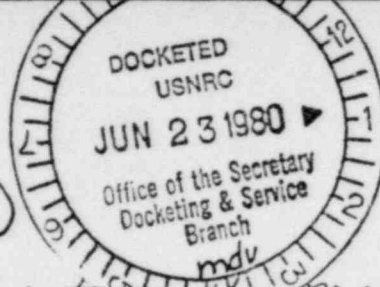


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Dear Sirs,

I want to comment on the proposed revisions to radiation protection standards. My principal suggestion is that someone other than the operating utility should be responsible for monitoring all radioactive releases of a nuclear plant.

An impartial, open, automatic system could serve not only as a warning but also as an important source of security to surrounding communities.

The expense of such a system should be borne by the utilities. If their plants are running as smoothly as they would have us believe, they should welcome such a public monitoring system as a P.R. move if nothing else.

Standards for exposure, emergency action, and reporting requirements are important and need to be stricter than present standards. But more important than what the standards are is how they are handled. Tightening the regulations, but keeping them in the hands of the utilities would be a superficial change.

As unwilling participants and financial supporters of our nuclear experiment, the least the public deserves is openness.

Sincerely,

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