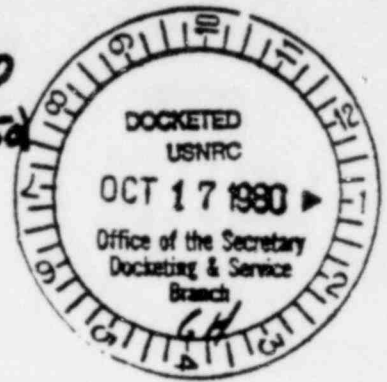




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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chilk:

The comment period for the NRC July 29, 1980, Federal Register Notice, 10 CFR Parts 50, 51, and 100, Modification of the Policy and Regulatory Practice Governing the Siting of Nuclear Power Reactors, was identified as being closed as of September 29, 1980, but with comments and suggestions welcome at any time.

We have attempted to meet the closing date as identified in the Federal Register; however, as of October 10, 1980, various program divisions and field offices are in the process of finalizing their comments. A perusal of those comments that have been furnished to my office indicate that the proposed changes potentially have a significant impact on future sitings of Department of Energy nuclear facilities.

Accordingly, we formally request a thirty-day extension to permit orderly review and preparation of a Department of Energy consolidated response to the proposed changes. The contact in my office is Eugene Redden, 353-4484. Your consideration of our problem is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Barber, Chairman
DOE Task Force for NRC Coordination

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