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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attention: Docketing and
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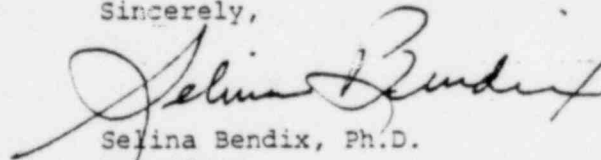
Re: 45 FR 40101, Nuclear Power Plant Accident Considerations under NEPA

Dear Secretary:

I am writing in support of the proposed policy regarding nuclear power plant EIS's.

Our firm regards the withdrawal of the proposed Annex to Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50, published 1 December 1971, as a positive step in the direction of reasonable risk-benefit analyses of nuclear power. Inclusion in the EIR of a discussion of the more serious "Class 2" accident scenarios will lead to more realistic economic and political attitudes toward nuclear power; stricter definitions of the "Class 9" category cannot help but lead to greater awareness of potential risks. We agree with you that it is of tantamount importance that environmental and socioeconomic impacts during and following a serious accident must be considered in NEPA safety reviews, along with proposed mitigation measures. NEPA documents which deal with more of the questions in the public mind will lead to greater public credibility for the NRC.

Sincerely,


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