

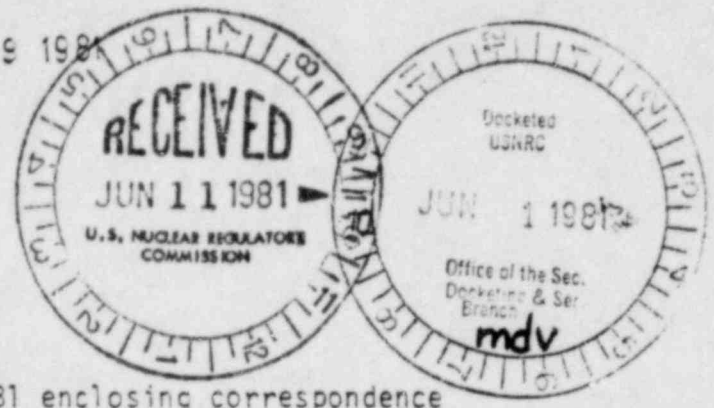
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Bill Bradley  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

Thank you for your letter dated May 20, 1981 enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Carol Hoehe, who is concerned about proposed NRC regulations designed to reduce delays in the licensing process for nuclear power plants.

The diversion of staff resources and rethinking of safety requirements following the accident at Three Mile Island adversely affected licensing activity at the Commission. As a result, we estimate that in 1981 and 1982 approximately a dozen nuclear plants will be completed from 1 to 12 months before a full power license decision can be made. The Commission is concerned about this situation and is proposing a number of actions to correct it. Your constituent mentions several of these proposed changes.

Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 CFR Part 2, were published in the Federal Register for comment on March 18, 1981. These amendments were intended to permit more timely conduct of NRC hearings by tightening the time allowed for each part of the process and by providing firmer time management. The Commission received a large number of comments on this issue and is now considering alternatives to the proposed amendments. It is expected that the Commission will take further action with respect to the proposed amendments in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Edward Fay*  
for Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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*Bradley*

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Date May 20, 1981

TO: Congressional Liaison  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ENCLOSURE FROM: Carol Hoehe  
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RE: the implications of the NRC 10 CFR Part 2 Rules of Practice  
for Domestic Licensing Proceedings-Expediting the NRC hearing  
process

*Forwards*

I forward the attached for your consideration and would appreciate  
receiving information in regard to this inquiry as soon as possible.  
Please return with the original correspondence.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Bill Bradley*

Bill Bradley  
United States Senator

Please direct reply to:

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April 21, 1981

Dear Mr. Bradley,

I am writing as a representative of our organization to inform you about the implications of the NRC 10 CFR Part 2 Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings - Expediting the NRC hearing process. After reading a thorough evaluation of the proposed changes in the NRC rules governing hearing process in licensing proceedings, written by Richard J. Wharton the attorney for intervenors we believe it is a very dangerous proposal that will:

- 1) Eliminate the discoveries from the NRC staff which therefore will increase the burden on the intervenors in identifying and clarifying significant safety issues
- 2) Lessen the role which intervenors have to raising opposing issues which the applicant and the NRC staff are willing to overlook or minimize.
- 3) Contradict the evidence and recommendations of the two extensive investigations of the NRC which were encouraged by the TMI-2 accident.