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Attn: Docketing and Service Branch  
Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Subject 10 CFR Part 50, Proposed Rule, Emergency Response Data System

Dear Sirs:

The State of Maine supports the proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 50. Further, the State of Maine suggests that this system be made available to the respective states and that this availability be specified by rule.

The states have the primary role in protecting the public health and safety from radiation as may be released during a nuclear accident. Too often, decisions regarding protective actions are made with incomplete data or are delayed due to delays in receipt of plant conditions by state decision makers. Notwithstanding the NRC's response role, it seems incongruous that state agencies with direct responsibility to the public do not have the best information available to assist in the decision process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule.

Very truly yours,

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