



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

February 11, 1993

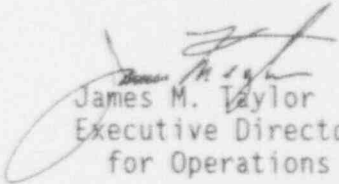
The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3002

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

Thank you for your letter dated January 13, 1993 forwarding a letter from the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club dated December 26, 1992 which provided comments on a proposed rulemaking relating to siting criteria. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to update the criteria used in decisions regarding power reactor siting, including geologic, seismic, and earthquake engineering considerations for future nuclear power plants. The proposed rule would allow NRC to benefit from experience gained in the application of the procedures and methods set forth in the current regulations and to incorporate the rapid advancements in the earth sciences and earthquake engineering. As you may know, the proposed rule change was published in the Federal Register on October 20, 1992 for a public comment period ending on March 24, 1993. A copy of the letter you forwarded will be docketed and fully evaluated along with all other public comment letters that relate to this rulemaking action.

I am returning the original correspondence per your request.

Sincerely,


James M. Taylor
Executive Director
for Operations

Enclosure:
Incoming Correspondence

030011

9303050082 930211
PDR ORG NE ED
PDR

CC57