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The Honorable Claude Pepper, Chairman Select Committee on Aging U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

PROPOSED RULE PR 4

(46 FR 46582)

This is to acknowledge your comments dated November 20, 1981, addressed to Commissioner Ahearne, regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposed regulations to implement the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended. Your comments were received in the NRC on December 2, 1981.

As required by law, the NRC's proposed regulations were modeled after guidelines published by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 90, 44 Fed. Reg. 33768 (1979)). Accordingly, revisions of substance such as you have suggested are beyond the scope of NRC's authority. We have, however, forwarded a copy of your comments to HHS. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: as stated

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