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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to comment on the new regulation under consideration by the NRC for one step licensing for nuclear power plants. This is yet another obscene step by your organization to exclude the rights of the public. After all, aren't we the ones who pay? Aren't we the ones who have to live next door to these facilities? Shouldn't we be allowed at least the right to speak our minds on things that will be affecting us everyday.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the NRC cares only about meeting the needs of the utilities and using every political trick to avoid doing the job you were put there to do -- protect the public's interest. Or have you forgotten gentlemen, that you are being paid by our tax money?

By eliminating public comment on the safety of our own nuclear power plants, you are eliminating the only regulation we have left. We might as well live in Russia.

I mean no disrespect; I am just very upset that our rights are being stepped on so blatantly.

I am especially concerned because of the faulty workmanship going into the Perry nuclear facility near my home in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., the major stockholder of the Perry plant, has been cited several times for covering up defects in welds and piping. But how are we to be assured that they are building the plant up to specifications if we do not have access to the licensing hearings?

We are all affected by a nuclear accident as you well know --- whether it's in Harrisburg, PA. or Cleveland, Ohio. We not only pay through ludicrous electric rates but soon with our lives as well. This is grossly unfair.

Please I implore you --- DO NOT MAKE IT EASIER FOR THESE UTILITIES TO HURT INNOCENT PEOPLE. We need more regulation, not less!

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