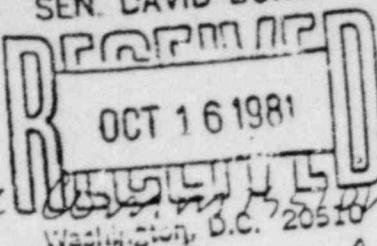


SEN. DAVID BOREN



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Secretary of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing a rule change that would eliminate the "Financial Qualifications Review for Utility Applicants for Construction Permits and Operating Licenses."

I believe that the financial qualification review should be retained and enforced. Surely financial qualifications are related to considerations of health and safety. Utilities which cannot objectively demonstrate that they are financially stable and thus "equipped to observe" the strictest health and safety standards should not be entrusted with the grave responsibility of

~~Managing nuclear technology.~~

Please do all you can to retain the financial qualifications review.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Thomas Atwater

P.S: I also do not believe that the Public Service Company of Oklahoma should be allowed to build the Black Fox plant, because of both fiscal considerations and the inherent health and safety problem of nuclear power.

cc: Sen. D. Boren
Sen. D. Nickles
Rep. D. McCurdy