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

Dear Sir:

The enclosed comments are being forwarded on proposed rulemaking concerning establishing and implementing of controls by nuclear power plant licensees designed to assure that personnel with unescorted access to protected areas are not under the influence of drugs or alcohol or are otherwise unfit for duty (FR DOC.82-21209).

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Overall Comments:

VEPCO does not concur in the need for a rule with respect to "PERSONNEL WITH UNESCORTED ACCESS TO PROTECTED AREAS; FITNESS FOR DUTY."

The proposal is already partially covered in the security requirements with respect to unescorted access to protected areas. Additional guidance would appropriately be put in ANS 3.3.

Should the decision be made to make a rule in spite of industry opposition, the rule should apply to NRC personnel and there should not be specific blood alcohol limits.