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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I noted in the 30 August Washington Post that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing to change the rule concerning deviation from some operating procedures in the case of emergency situations without the utility facing the threat of losing its license.

This is an excellent idea; further, there is ample precedent in the Navy's and Coast Guard's General Prudential Rule.

In cases of emergency, the Commanding Officer is permitted to deviate from the written rules to the extent necessary to save his ship.

I believe that if you deem it worthwhile, you might refer to the fact that such a rule has been in existence for hundreds of years.

Enclosed is a copy of these rules.

Sincerely,

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"In construing and complying with these Rules (Navigation Rules) due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger."