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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter, dated May 11, 1983, inviting the Commission to testify at a joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Energy Conservation and Power and International Economic Policy and Trade on proposed amendments to the Commission's regulations (10 CFR Part 110) relating to the licensing of nuclear exports.

As you know, earlier this year the Commission approved for publication in the Federal Register for comment proposed revisions to Part 110. The proposed changes were discussed generally at the NRC authorization hearing before the Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power on March 22, 1983. They have not been published in the Federal Register.

At the present time, the proposed Part 110 modifications are under further review by the NRC staff, which is seeking to take into account the recent full-scope safeguards initiative of the Administration and related concerns. The Commission does not intend to take any further action in proposing modifications to Part 110 until after the views of the Executive Branch have been obtained and the staff review has been completed. It is possible that this review will result in changes to the proposed amendments that were originally considered by the Commission.

Under the circumstances, we would prefer to delay Commission testimony on this issue until after the staff review is completed and we have had an opportunity to reexamine the proposed modifications. Once our reexamination is completed, we will advise you of our conclusions. In any case, we will not publish any proposed revisions to Part 110 without notice to the Congress of our intention to do so.

Commissioner Gilinsky did not participate in this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. Carlos Moorhead