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Mr. Gregory H. Kats
Citizens Task Force
P. O. Box 326
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mr. Kats:

I am writing to you about the petition for rulemaking filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the Citizens Task Force on December 2, 1981. As you know, the petition, assigned the number PRM-50-31, was summarized in the Federal Register, and public comments were requested by May 24, 1982.

The reason I am writing you now is to inform you that the reply to this petition is being delayed because the NRC is reevaluating severe accident radiation source terms (i.e. releases to the environment) and the technical basis for the 10-mile emergency planning zone radius. We currently expect to complete this effort and respond to the petition by May, 1984.

If you have any specific questions on the status of this petition action, please call Dr. Stephen McGuire at (301) 443-5942.

Sincerely,

John D. Phillips, Chief
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RECORD NOTE: Joseph Cawley, ADM, and William Shields, ELD, have said that if there is to be a significant delay in responding to the petition, the petitioner should be notified.

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