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Forrest Western, Director, Division of Radiation Protection Standards  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 20, § 20.106

Your November 15 memorandum forwarded for review and comment a draft staff paper proposing to amend Part 20, § 20.106 to reduce by a factor of 3 limits on exposures of population groups to radiation from radioactivity released from major nuclear facilities and to inform the nuclear industry that the Commission is considering further amendments to its regulations to ensure continued compatibility with FRC guidance and NCRP and ICRP recommendations.

I concur with your November 15 version of the proposed amendment to § 20.106.

Dr. Doan, in his November 22 memorandum to Dr. Beck pertaining to standardization of stack release limits, stated that explicit regulations applying Part 20 considerations are needed in order to standardize releases of radioactive material from nuclear power plants. I believe that the development of the bases for these standard stack release limits is implicit in your proposed plan to amend Part 20. We will be happy to work with you as you develop your plan to provide explicit criteria. This is particularly true in the areas where your work interfaces with reactor-oriented problems, such as establishing standards for radioactive material release rates from reactors and/or using our contacts with the various industrial code committees to help ensure industry participation in the development of criteria.

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