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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

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Attn. Docketing and Service

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To the Secretary:

The San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace is writing in response to the Federal Register notice 47802-47821, Oct. 20, 1992, regarding the proposed new rules for siting atomic reactors.

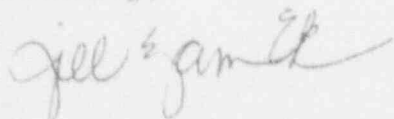
In response to the proposed exclusion zone, the Mothers for Peace understands that 23 existing reactor sites could not meet this requirement. If these plants cannot meet new safety standards, they should not be operated. The Mothers for Peace opposes the practice that will "grandfather" them to allow continued operation. Additionally, the zone should not be reduced for smaller plants, and new reactors should never be built on existing sites that already don't meet regulations.

In response to the proposed change in population density, the Mothers for Peace opposes the high population densities. The density should not be increased from the 1979 proposed siting criteria; it should be decreased. 30 miles is not too far; it's not far enough. The 50-mile ingestion pathway would be more appropriate.

The Mothers for Peace supports the adoption of tough minimum standoff distances from major man-made and natural hazards.

The Mothers for Peace supports the adoption of the states' authority to deny sites for nuclear plants.

Sincerely,



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