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Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555

Re: nuclear power and Y2K petitions for rulemaking

Dear NRC:

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I am writing in opposition to the three petitions for rulemaking submitted by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) on December 10, 1998, regarding nuclear power and Y2K issues. The Y2K issue is of great concern to me, especially as it relates to nuclear power. However, I understand through various agencies, including the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the National Energy Resource Council (NERC) that the nuclear utilities are diligently working to ensure their plants are Y2K ready by December 1999. I am also aware the nuclear industry is providing periodic status reports to NEI and NERC, which are available to the public. These reports not only provide a viable forum for exchange of information among the utilities, but also allow the public to discern the efforts being put forth by these entities.

As you are aware, the NRC is also gathering valuable information through the various plant audits and through information provided via Generic Letter 98-01, "Year 2000 Readiness of Computer Systems at Nuclear Power Plants."

Because of the efforts being made by both the nuclear industry and the NRC, I believe the NIRS petitions for rulemaking are unnecessary and would, if enacted, place unnecessary burdens on the nuclear industry.

I urge the NRC to oppose these unnecessary and overly burdensome proposed rules.

Sincerely,

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