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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: Proposed Rule 10 CFR Part 50, "Ensuring the
Effectiveness of Maintenance Programs for
Nuclear Power Plants"; 53FR47822

Dear Mr. Chilk:

On November 28, 1988, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
published a Proposed Rule on Maintenance for public comment.
Combustion Engineering has reviewed this Proposed Rule and appreciates
the opportunity to provide comments.

We have reviewed the comments on the proposed rule to be submitted by
the Nuclear Management and Resources Council and we endorse their
comments, including the attachments thereto. As a leading supplier to
the nuclear industry, Combustion Engineering also shares the desire for
the improved reliability and safety of nuclear power plants which will be
achieved, in part, through improved maintenance programs. We do not
believe, however, that the rule as presently proposed will contribute
significantly to those better programs.

If the Staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or
Mr. S. A. Toelle of my staff at (203) 285-5213.

Very truly yours,

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