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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docketing and Service Washington, DC 20555

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Of all the brazenly anti-public proposals to come out of your agency. the proposal to eliminate public comment and licensing for the operators of nuclear reactors just about tops the list.

Licensing and public comment are the only ways I know of to keep the operators honest and their operations safe--or as safe as nuclear operations are likely ever to be.

I earnestly suggest, in the name of public safety, public economy and the public's right to know, that the proposed elimination of public hearings and of the requirement of a licensing permit be killed forthwith

Sincerely,

John D. McKee

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