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Secretary U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rulemakings and
Adjudications Staff
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear: Secretary Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NRC's proposed amendments to its regulations that relate to the decommissioning of production and utilization facilities. We urge the NRC to provide for more stringent emergency preparation requirements throughout the decommissioning process than those proposed in the rule.

While some changes to the various emergency response preparation and security measures at decommissioning sites are needed to reflect the end of operations, the proposed regulations go too far. Rather than eliminating existing emergency planning measures, such as offsite emergency plans for permanently defueled sites; rather, it should consider allocating the existing resources in a creative manner to benefit the local communities to increase effectiveness rather than placing more burden on the limited local and state resources.

Providing and maintaining stringent emergency plans through the entire decommissioning process is critical for the health and welfare not only of those living within the surrounding community, but those living throughout the state and beyond who could be affected by a release of harmful material caused by natural disaster or enemy attack.

Sincerely,

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