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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir:

Subject: Proposed Rulemaking
Federal Register Volume 64, Number 47
Use of Alternative Source Terms at Operating Reactors

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposed a revision to its regulations so that future and current licensees can utilize alternative source terms in lieu of traditional source terms. These alternative source terms are generally less conservative than traditional ones, based on the experience of the accident at Three Mile Island. The proposed rule was published for comment in the March 11, 1999 Federal Register.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Nuclear Engineering reviewed the proposed rule and NUREG-1465, published in 1992, which is the basis for the proposed revision. We have no comment on the rulemaking. We will review the regulatory guidance that is forthcoming for the implementation of the rule when it is finalized. Please include us on the distribution of that material. It is our understanding that emergency preparedness is not impacted by this proposed change. We believe this approach is appropriate so that beyond design basis events are accommodated by existing levels of emergency preparedness.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (609) 984-7700.

Sincerely,

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