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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pending elimination of the regulatory requirements for maintaining a Post Accident Sampling System (PASS) at each Pressure Water Reactor Nuclear Power Plant.

After a review of information provided by the Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering Owners Group and the Nuclear Energy Institute, as well as, a discussion with utility representatives, I concur that the requirement for the PASS should be eliminated.

It is my opinion that the elimination of this requirement will have no adverse effect on the offsite emergency response organization ability to respond to an accident or for their making protective action decisions.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 404-635-7233.

Regards,

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