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Dear Sir:

I write to commend your coverage of the recent decisions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on CP & L's request to double its storage of irradiated fuel rods at Shearon Harris in Wake County. I also read with interest your article, "After Chernobyl," on December 17, 2000. A scientist who was doing research on the aftereffects on human beings was jailed by the Ukrainian authorities and his research discounted. He said that everyone was dying, that babies were born with monster defects. But we do owe the 10-mile zone evacuation plan with Shearon Harris has in place to that disaster and Three-Mile Island's. There were no evacuation plans for reactor melt downs until the late 80s, just as there aren't any now for a fuel pool fire, which scientist Gordon Thompson warned CP & L and the NRC about, but this fell on deaf ears.

On March 1 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ruled there was no need for a hearing to examine a particular type of accident involving nuclear waste cooling pools. Orange County, N.C. Warn, 12 local governments, and many citizens have sought exactly what has just been denied. So CP & L will ready its third and fourth pools, bring into the Triangle by rail the very dangerous fuel rods until they have stored 29 times the amount of Cesium 137 released at the Chernobyl accident in 1986. We will have more high level (more than 10,000 years to become harmless) nuclear waste stored within easy range of all our Triangle population than anywhere in the country. Enough to wipe out N.C.

My question today is: What is wrong with this picture? A public utility company, with net earnings of nearly \$400 million in 2000 won't consider the safer, dry cask alternative, in defiance of public concerns. This company spends \$2 million on lawyers to fight the Orange County challenge, which is the extra cost to them of starting dry cask storage. They spend \$30 million a year on public relations and launched a \$10 million ad campaign last year to restore their public image tarnished by all this public concern. \$30 million could have paid for dry casks for 15 years. An article by Kirsten Heflin in Boiling Point, a UNC student magazine, makes an interesting comparison. Fast food companies, under public pressure about health and safety concerns, have moved to "environmentally friendly packaging and made the health threats clear. Is it unfair to expect the same from the wizards who harnessed the power of the atom?...Until power companies come clean about waste storage the public must protect themselves." CP & L says over and over, the NRC says over and over (two out of three ASLR judges personally told me), "All we care about is safety," and yet neither CP & L nor NRC dared have safety hearings. What is wrong with this picture? It's possible to lose the battle and still win the war. Please speak to your

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Congress people now!

Sincerely,

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(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant)

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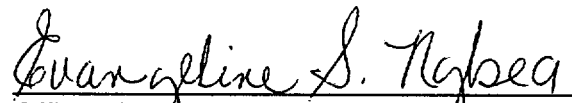
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