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Sir:

I vehemently oppose your proposal to reinterpret the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. I demand that citizens like me shall have the right to challenge my government, with full public hearings, rights of discovery, etc., when and where ever a new nuclear power plant is proposed. Shame on you!

In your rush and zeal, your official judgment has been demonstrated to be seriously flawed, if not irrational. You need the input of savvy citizens like me to find your over sights and possible blunders. I have challenged you in hearings - my facts prevailed, I won and you looked rather stupid.

You folks have lied & lied to me in the past, but my truth persevered over you. I and Carrie Dickerson lead a successful intervention against the Black Fox Nuclear Plant, near Tulsa, Ok. in the late '70's. Your experts acknowledged, in the presence of many witness, that my 54 technical contentions were largely valid serious problems, with no fixes in sight. We had hearings. Our witnesses often made idiots of your men and the naive builder's.

You and the builder were so obsessed, to build, you were deaf and dumb to hard facts. We revealed those facts in hearings. Had we not intervened, and halted construction, there is a possibility of a Chyernobal-type melt down near Tulsa, Ok! You stupidly approved the use of crucial cooling water from the Verdigris River. We knew its headwaters to be in adjacent drought prone Kansas. Guess what? A few years later, during a drought, that river was reduced to a trickle! If we had not prevailed, and a plant been built, you might have had to explain away a melt-down. SAVVY?

Previous Secretary, Bill Richardson, said something like this: "The N.R.C.. can be characterized as "A culture of secrecy, deceit, arrogance and incompetence". That confirms my documented experience. Often I think that some of you should be charged with criminal negligence and indicted.

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