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Tim,

I know you are all good Americans just trying to do a good job. I also know you can not allow yourself to get personal with the people whose lives will be affected by your decision. It would be hard not to think about our safety once in a while and harder yet if an accident occurred.

The Gentleman with DOE told me they have no intentions of using fuel from Plutonium as an "alternate fuel." He said it was just a way to get rid of the Plutonium and it cost less money than storage. Another point he made to me was the French have been doing it for years. While it is true, that some of the French Scientist have been Brilliant, and most of them opposed the MOX fuel project in their country. However, the French Government has not proven to have made wise decisions in the past where their citizens are concerned.

The DOE's explanations are not good enough answers for me! As an American and the daughter of a disabled WW 11 Vet and the fiancé of a man ambushed in Viet Nam and now the mother of a 22 year old son, who may have to die for our country, I always trusted my country to protect us. Why do you think that is? Even a monkey learns not to take food from the hand that bites them! After all, my family is part of "The Ethnic Low Income Population" that is deemed expendable.

The NRCs' Environmental Impact Statement publication should have used the facts from real radioactive accidents instead of hypothetical accidents. You would have been surprised to see that these accidents affected generations of Americans not just the generation living when the accident occurred. Of course, The Savannah River Plant says they can't find the records or someone didn't keep them. You know and I know that is a lie!

In 1973 Radioactive Iodine was accidentally released (430,000. units) from the Savanna River Plant in South Carolina. This was just one of the elements released in that accident. I believe this is what has caused my sister to developed thyroid cancer as a young mother pregnant with her 5th child. There is less than 1% of thyroid cancer in this country but in the SRS area it is 100% higher than the nation. That tells me a lot, does it you?

Her daughter, who is a graduate of Cornell and Boston University, was featured in U. S. World News and Report while she was at Cornell; she was also an "All American" and was honored by the Governor of her State for the

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selflessness she showed in helping others. My niece had a baby girl born with a defective heart that the doctors all agreed was caused by "chemicals in her environment" that my niece was exposed to. I am happy to say my beautiful little Great Niece, who was named after a warrior because she is such a little fighter and she is only 1, survived her grueling open heart surgery performed immediately at birth and only God knows what is in store for her down the road. I spent a lot of time crying, praying and begging God to save her. I know you can not imagine the torture her parents went through before the birth and during surgery.

My younger sister has not 1 but 3 forms or rare cancers not related to each other, she was only in her thirtys. I want to go on and on but I will spare you, even though my family has not been spared. You see the accident in 1973, as well as the other accidents, I believe, so far, has affected FOUR (4) generations of my family not just One.

Of course, we will never know the extent of the damage done to our nation by nuclear power plants and there is no reason or excuse to ever risk the lives of more people. You see 1% is way too high of a risk for me to accept! It is too late for my family but not too late for others that will be affected.

I resent the NRC and the DOE referring to our population as the "Ethnic Poor". Is money the measure of a successful and productive Life? I have two uncles who attended Harvard a cousin who attended Oxford and is now learning Japanese at McGill University. Too many of my family attended Ivey League Colleges and are very successful in life to mention here. The point I am making is even though we are considered the "Ethnic Poor" we are not all stupid.

As far as North Carolina's "ethnic low income group" is concerned - Did you look at the area around Lake Norman? Loni Anderson has a house there, as well as many other heads of fortune 500 companies. Do you really want to nuke them?

The way I see it is my Government has - is and wants to slowly poison part of its citizens and that makes the NRC and DOE no different than Hitler or Saddam to me. Excuse me, there is a difference - the people they killed knew they were being hunted down. Americans have a hard time believing our organizations only see "dollar signs" not the suffering of our population.

Isn't it ironic that if One Iraqi gets killed in war our government calls it "Tragic!"

When we die, Do you think God is going to ask how much money we made - NO!  
I do believe, He will ask how many people died and suffered because of the  
decisions we made in our lives! Please do not put anymore American lives at  
risk for pain and suffering and even early Death!

May God grant you and the other officials making this decision the Wisdom of  
Solomon.

Thank you for your time. Please include this as my comment to the MOX  
Project Meeting.

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