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May 6, 2003

Chairman Nils J. Diaz
Attn: David Pstrak
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: A Citizens' Hearing on Nuclear Waste: Reducing Risks

Dear Chairman Diaz:


On behalf of NC WARN and Public Citizen, I am writing to invite you, or a member of your staff, to a Citizens' Hearing on Nuclear Risk Reduction on Saturday, May 31st, from 10am to 3pm at Salem Elementary School, 6116 Old Jenks Rd, in Apex, North Carolina.

As you are surely aware, the issues of nuclear waste transportation and its storage are of significant concern to our organization and our community. Many citizens in North Carolina have been particularly frustrated with the NRC in the past due to the manner in which your agency handled the expansion of the Shearon Harris nuclear plant in Wake County. By allowing Progress Energy, the owner of the Harris plant, to expand its nuclear waste storage capacity with no opportunity for scientific hearings, or without a required Environmental Impact Statement, many individuals and local governments in this region feel disillusioned with the NRC and its role as a regulatory agency.

This hearing is planned partly in response to the 02/21/02 Federal Register Notice inviting public comment on the NRC's draft test protocol for the Package Performance Study. It is strategically located in North Carolina, currently the only state where nuclear waste is being transported, to provide the space for citizens to comment and express their concerns about this Package Performance Study, and current methods for storing nuclear waste in the state, and to encourage North Carolina citizen involvement in your public comment process. We encourage a representative from the NRC to attend this hearing in order to hear these community comments and concerns.

Other special guests attending this event include a representative from Congressman David Price's office, as well as local and state elected officials.

Thank you for your consideration of this important hearing. I will follow up with your office to confirm that you have received this invitation and to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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