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Mr. Thomas E. Taft
410 Groveland Avenue
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Dear Mr. Taft:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of October 30, 1969, to Chairman Seaborg regarding the Commission's standards and regulations governing the release of radioactive effluents in the environment. AEC regulations on radiation protection are based principally on the radiation protection guides recommended by the Federal Radiation Council (FRC) and approved by the President for guidance to all Federal agencies.

On October 28, 1969, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy began an extended series of hearings on the environmental effects of producing electric power. An excellent discussion of the scientific basis for the standards recommended by the FRC, the philosophy involved in what these standards mean, and the way in which the FRC recommends the approval of guides to the President is set forth in testimony by Dr. Paul C. Tompkins, Executive Director of the FRC in hearings before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy last week. I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Tompkins' testimony for your information.

In addition, I am enclosing a copy of Commissioner James T. Ramey's statement which he presented in a meeting with several members of the Minnesota-Wisconsin delegation on October 9, 1969. Although this matter is concerned primarily with the Northern States Power Company's Prairie Island plant, the statement is equally applicable to the Monticello plant.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by G. K. Back

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Testimony by Dr. Tompkins
2. Statement by Commissioner Ramey

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For the Chairman

410 Groveland Ave.
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October 30, 1969

Dr. Glenn Seaborg
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Seaborg:

As a newcomer of five years residence here now I write to express my deep concern regarding the commission's waste tolerance for the Monticello Power Plant Northern States Power has practically completed.

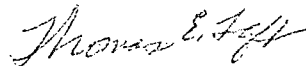
Respected scientists state that waste emission levels A.E.C. considers safe are in fact not safe or are doubtfully safe. Reports from the Vermont conference I have gleaned I find not reassuring.

Why can't you people consider reducing the tolerable waste emission level to a point where creditable scientists will not be constantly finding objection and hence upsetting the uneducated public? I really wonder if you are not your own worst enemies. Atomic energy still belongs in the public mind in the realm of the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai, unquestionably sacred and super mysterious.

I can and may well elect to buy bottled water for drinking if N.S.P. is allowed to go by its proposed waste emission levels. I can't buy bathing or showering water, obviously, and most of the people of the Twin Cities can't buy drinking water.

Need I repeat, I am very concerned about the so far unknown effects of atomic waste matter cumulatively in the Mississippi River as well as the immediate danger of drinking the water.

Yours truly,



Thomas E. Taft

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