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Hello,

We are writing to OPPOSE the proposed building of two nuclear power stations, called the William States Lee Nuclear Facility, in Gaffney, SC. We are off the grid, and have nothing to gain from more dangerous or polluting power plants. Need we mention the horrors of Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima? The Fukushima disaster alone should be reason enough to put a moratorium on more new nuclear facilities, and encourage the development of viable alternatives.

We already live in the shadow of two nuclear power plants, McGuire and Catawba, so two more will double the risk of an accident that would affect us.

We strongly object to the proliferation of nuclear facilities in general, and particularly, as you might imagine, near us. People are fallible, and so are the designers and operators of these facilities. They are disasters waiting to happen. An unexpected rupture or a faulty meter, operator error or a simple failure of equipment could set off a dangerous chain of events that we are not equipped to deal with. I suspect that potentially dangerous, unforeseen events happen on a regular basis that are not reported to the general population.

No one yet knows what to do with the spent fuel rods, so they are piling up on site, creating another problem for future generations to deal with.

A number of plants are continuing to operate beyond their scheduled decommission date, a fact that does not inspire confidence. It is obvious to anyone with a functioning brain that these facilities are too dangerous to be allowed to continue operating.

The colossal cost of building one of these plants should also be considered, particularly when one considers the fact that new energy technologies that could come on line in the foreseeable future will render them obsolete, in which case the investors will not get paid back.

The power companies should phase out existing nuclear facilities and invest in localized, safe, clean, renewable sources, and encourage the public to conserve power and to employ new technology to reduce the draw from the power grid.

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