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Coalition for Nuclear Power Plant Postponement
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Mr. Elipidio G. Igne
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Igne:

We oppose the issuance of an operating license for Salem 2 on two grounds:

- 1) The reports from the Interagency Review Group clearly establish the fact that no solution to the waste problem has been found. The creation of more waste until a permanent repository is established is an act of irresponsibility of the highest magnitude.
- 2) The need for power has not been demonstrated. The participants in Salem 2 suffer from an excess generating capacity which already represents a financial burden to the stockholders and consumers alike.

The licensing of Salem 2 must be viewed in light of the West Valley scandal, the Radon 222 "surprise", the Rasmussen revelation and other misdeeds.

The licensing of Salem 2 cannot be rationally discussed without affixing responsibility to the individuals making this decision. In light of GESMO we see no reason why the Nuremberg Principles so aptly executed once should not have a place in the future.

"A superior order does not relieve a person from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him."

"Individuals have a duty which transcends the national obligation of obedience imposed by the individual state."

Sincerely

Frieda Berryhill
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