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Dear Judge Smith,

I called Ms. Moran on [redacted] to confirm the procedure necessary to make a limited appearance. I am disappointed that the "appearance" will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

Many local residents have written to the NRC to take part in a limited appearance. Unfortunately, many who did not write will probably desire an appearance. As a result I foresee many citizens being asked to send their statements to the board. Asking them to send a statement rather than verbalize would be a grave mistake. The citizens of this area have been impacted in such a way that they deserve full consideration in presenting their individual experiences and views of the situation.

As of today, nothing has appeared in the print media regarding the how, when and where of limited appearances. Many of us have received the official notice, however there are many interested people who are ignorant to the logistics of such an appearance.

I feel a satisfactory method to deal with local citizens in a positive fashion would be as follows:

- 1) Several advertisements in each daily & weekly paper explaining what a limited appearance is and where.
- 2) A local telephone number to call, to get an appointment. Therefore one can take off work appropriately and will not waste time as well as being assured of having input.
- 3) Allotting as many days as necessary to allow each individual his right to be heard.

I am a case in point, I will be out of town on 11-15 and 11-16. As a result it will be necessary for me to receive a time on 11-17. I feel that is better than driving 14 miles one way and hope that I will be able to make a personal appearance.

In summary, I feel each person should be educated about the process and then accommodated in such a way that public participation, a cornerstone of our democracy, will be allowed to the fullest and in a satisfying manner to each concerned citizen.

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