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Chairman Joseph Hendrie  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 "H" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Sir:

With all due respect, sir, you have failed in your efforts to convince the public of your regulatory capabilities. It seems clear that you are either in complete sympathy with the industry you are proposed to regulate or that you are in fact a puppet commission in the hands of "energy" companies. There is absolutely no evidence to date of any concern on your part for the safety and well-being of the citizens at large.

Your own commission has raised serious questions as to the quality of workmanship at the Wolf Creek power plant near Burlington, Kansas. None of those questions has been sufficiently answered, yet construction of this giant question mark continues. How can this be?

If you expect anyone to believe that you do indeed have regulatory authority over this runaway nuclear power industry, you had better take the advice of our President who said to "err on the side of safety."

Words are cheap. Action speaks. Take action and at the very least prove you can regulate. If you cannot and if, in fact, this nuclear industry has a free reign, then what in God's name do we need you for?

Let's hear an announcement, bold and brave, that there will be no nuclear reaction housed in the containment building placed on the questionable concrete base mat poured in December of 1977. The citizens of Kansas will accept nothing less.

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