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Joseph Hendrie
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Dear Mr. Hendrie:

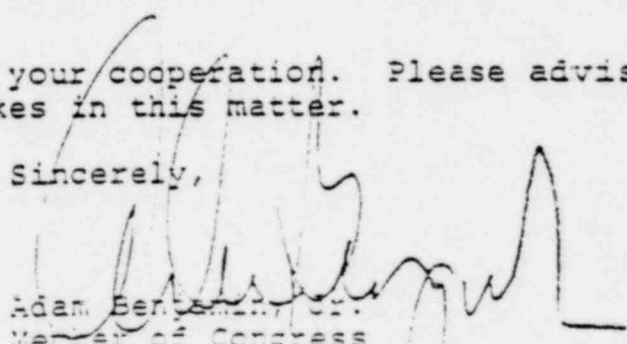
I am writing on behalf of John Beckman and other citizens of Northwest Indiana regarding a petition now before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to allow the Northern Indiana Public Service Commission (NIPSCO) to change the foundation design of the Bailly Nuclear Power Plant.

NIPSCO has requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to approve an alternative foundation design because of problems they have experienced in the construction and drilling of the foundation pilings. Mr. Beckman and others believe that this revision represents a major change to the original construction permit granted to NIPSCO. If this is true, the NRC is required by law to conduct public hearings on this matter.

I urge you to consider their request in light of the potential danger faulty construction of the plant would pose to the public health and safety.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please advise me of any decision the NRC makes in this matter.

Sincerely,


Adam Benjamin, Jr.
Member of Congress

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cc: John Beckman

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