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Ivan Selin, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Selin:

The Perry nuclear power plant, in Ohio, has been closed recently by the licensee (the utility company Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company - CEI), due to fuel rod failure, and leaking fuel rods, which caused unusually high levels of radioactivity to be released into the atmosphere.

This nuclear power plant is scheduled to re-open March 3, an NRC Region 3 spokesman told me today. He added that the NRC has not told CEI to close or keep closed the Perry nuclear plant.

I demand that you do whatever is necessary to immediately have the Perry plant closed, at least until the cause of the fuel rod failure and leaking is definitely found and corrected.

Do you deny the apparent fact that the fuel rod failure rate at the Perry plant has been much higher than at other nuclear power plants using the same type of fuel rods? This indicates the problem is not with the fuel rods, but, rather - with the Perry plant itself and/or the way it is operated.

If the problem cannot be fixed, the Perry plant should remain closed, permanently, rather than continuing to endanger the public from the fuel rod failures and leaks.

Will you keep it closed until this problem is corrected? If not, why not? It seems clear that the NRC is seeking to let the Perry plant operate with this problem, rather than close it down, thus proving the NRC is knowingly and deliberately exposing the public to even greater danger and radiation exposure, than normal operations, from the Perry plant - just to have the plant remain opened. You and the NRC are remiss in your duty to protect the public and guilty of grave malfeasance.

You have no excuse. Please reply immediately.

Sincerely,
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