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House of Representatives

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Congressional Liaison
Nuclear Regulatory Comm.
Washington, D. C. 20555

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

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Rep. Clarence Ditz
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Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Representative Ditz,

About a month ago, Penelec announced plans to dismantle the nuclear reactor containment building at the site of the former Saxton Nuclear Experimental (SNEC) operation.

I believe this to be very unwise. When SNEC ceased operation, the vessel was to be sealed for a minimum of 50 years, possibly longer, depending on the intensity of the radiation at that time. Now, after only 10 years, they are planning to open it up to the atmosphere.

Both SNEC and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have been considerably less than honest with local residents in the past so how can we trust them now with regard to the risk, or lack of risk, involved in the dismantling process.

Keep in mind that Tussey Mountain High School lies only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile downwind with about 600 young, growing, children and youth in attendance. This is the most susceptible age for radiation induced cancers. The area around the reactor presently has a 4-5 times greater than normal leukemia incidence. SNEC has exposed us to radiation in the past. Don't let it happen again! Please help us to keep it sealed!

Very truly yours,

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