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The Honorable Nunzio Palladino  
Chairman  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: United States Department of Energy et al  
(Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant) Docket No. 50-537

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been following the progress of the construction permit proceedings in the above captioned matter with interest, and have examined numerous documents relating to that proceeding.

I also understand that the Commission may resist the necessity for supplementation of the 1977 Final Environmental Impact Statement for Clinch River. I cannot, however, understand any conceivable rationale for such a failure, inasmuch as

- (1) EISs have recently been routinely supplemented for LWRs in order to detail environmental impacts of accidents beyond the design basis;
- (2) there have been major design changes in the CRBR reactor vessel and fuel core;
- (3) the US Court of Appeals (DC Cir) decision of April 27, 1982 invalidating the table S-3 rule will require further environmental analyses;
- (4) so much new information has arisen, resulting in so many changes in NRC regulations and its safety perspective since the issuance of the EIS in 1977, that any analyses of environmental impact of the CRBR must be taken to be outdated.

The Honorable Nunzie Palladino

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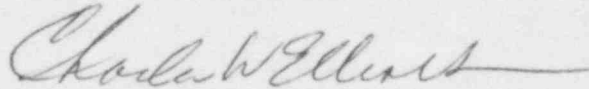
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In fact, any failure of the Commission to supplement the 1977 EIS must be perceived to be an abrogation of its statutory responsibilities under NEPA, and the Atomic Energy Act, and an attempt to improperly expedite the licensing process for the CRBR.

I trust that the Commission will honor its responsibilities, and provide the public with a new, updated statement of the environmental impact of the CRBR and for opportunity to comment. I look forward to receiving and reviewing a supplemental EIS on this project which has so many serious implications for the common security.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles W. Elliott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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