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August 1, 1994

Mr. Dennis Rathbun
Director Of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1155 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

RE: Cordova Nuclear Plant

The enclosed letter from Stephen G. Suiter, President of Le Claire State Bank, Le Claire, IA is submitted for your consideration.

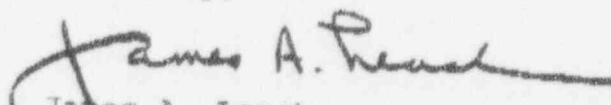
A customer of Mr. Suiter's drew to his attention a newspaper article in the Quad City Times, Friday, July 22, 1994, regarding the Cordova Nuclear Plant, being put back into service and the threat to area farmland.

Mr. Suiter is requesting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to hold an informational meeting for area residents regarding the safety of the Cordova Nuclear Plant given the recent inspection.

I would appreciate your reviewing the comments and providing me with any appropriate information. Kindly respond to my Davenport District Office, 209 W. Fourth Street, Davenport, IA 52801.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


James A. Leach
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Leach:

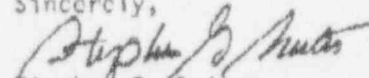
In Friday, July 22nd's Quad City Times appeared an article explaining that one of the reactors at the Cordova Nuclear Plant was going to be put back in service after a routine inspection. It indicated that stainless steel pipes which had cracked were going to be allowed to function without being repaired. It said that the danger of leakage due to these cracks was within industry tolerance. I am not an expert in this field, however, I have attended NRC informational meetings at Cordova and know the plant to be approximately 25 to 30 years old. I feel that Princeton residents are greatly susceptible to a nuclear crisis in the event of a problem at Cordova. A local farm customer drew my attention to the article and the fact that thousands of acres of farmland could be jeopardized from a nuclear problem.

I feel that at the minimum, an informational meeting should be held by the NRC to explain the rationale of the articles and what steps are being taken to insure the safety of the plant and the area residents. Like our farm customer, I too would see three generations of my families' efforts destroyed by a problem at Cordova.

I would appreciate your assistance in getting to the bottom of this problem.

Thanks

Sincerely,


Stephen G. Suiter
President

P.S. I enjoyed seeing you and the Independent Bankers Conference and wish you the best in the Whitewater hearings.

END