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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2403

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PLEASE REPLY TO:  
ONE GOVERNMENT PLAZA  
GULFPORT, MS 39501

Mr. Kenneth M. Carr  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North Building  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MS 20852

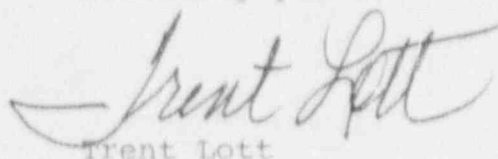
Dear Mr. Carr:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you the enclosed letter which I have received from Mr. J. J. Norris, 709 South Hill Court, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532.

While I am not familiar with the circumstances, in view of his plea to me I shall appreciate your reviewing the matter outlined in his letter, and also, your advising me of your findings.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



Trent Lott

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June 19, 1991

Senator Trent Lott  
1 Government Plaza, Room 428  
Gulfport, MS 39501

RE: Tennessee Valley Authority  
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama

Dear Senator;

I'm pro-nuclear power but I simply cannot believe that those folks running Browns Ferry have screwed up again. The fact that an airlock in an operating nuclear power plant was left open for an extended period of time indicates a TOTAL BREAKDOWN IN MANAGEMENT.

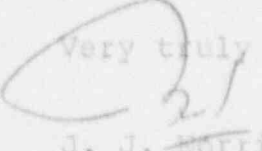
As designed the airlock is the secondary containment for a reactor incident. Three Mile Island would have been an even worse financial disaster had an airlock been open to the atmosphere. I never thought I'd be helping to pay for the S&L debacle. I am and that gives me the right to speak out about irresponsible or incompetent operators of nuclear facilities.

Since TVA started their nuclear program it's been one fiasco after another. The high water mark for Browns Ferry was the 1975 fire. You will remember that they got the reactor bldg on fire while using candles to check for air leaks in a cable spreading room, did not have enough air on hand for their Scott Air Packs to fight the fire, a plant guard refused entry to the local fire department. Since then it's been one thing right after another. I've got it. Something has got to be done about those people before they cost us real money!

I don't know them. I don't have an ax to grind. They are clearly incompetent and cannot be trusted to get their act together. As you know Grand Gulf is a similar design but without the Achilles Heel of a thin-wall carbon steel suppression chamber.

Would you please inquire of the NRC and help me secure the pertinent documents to pursue the matter?

Very truly yours,

  
J. J. Morris  
709 South Hill Court  
Biloxi, MS 39532-4351