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Dear Mr. Bader:

Since I am on the service list of the Midland nuclear plant licensing hearings, I received a copy of the letter you sent to Mr. William J. Dircks of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Barbara Stamiris and I were invited to make a statement before the Commission because we have been involved with what has transpired at the Midland nuclear plant through the hearing process. This is an extremely difficult job, requiring a great deal of time, energy, intellectual persistence and fortitude. Therefore, we would have something of substance to say to the Commission that is documented in the hearing record and that the Staff or Consumers Power Co. (CPCo) might not care to reveal to them.

Neither Barbara Stamiris' representative nor I stated that we were representing this community. Tom Hearn, who is President of Lone Tree Council, a citizens' organization in this area, brought before the Commission the number of political bodies, such as the City of Saginaw and Ingersoll Township, and the various civic bodies that have passed resolutions opposing the Midland plant. They have done so because the record clearly shows that construction is shoddy and the problems are extraordinary and that it is doubtful the plant can be completed. The hype for the Midland plant and the glossing over of its grave problems was well represented by John Selby of CPCo.

If you would take the time and effort to at least read the transcripts of all that the crack inspection team, that was especially appointed to review the Midland plant, testified to under oath in the April, 1983, hearings in Midland in the public documents room of the library, you would begin to get the picture of how serious the problems here are. Dr. Ross Landsman, the chief soils specialist for the Midland project, testified that he had recommended shutting the project down in September, 1982, after he evaluated not only the extent of the soils' problem, but also reviewed a chronology of the many serious quality control problems that have been built into this plant over the past 14 years. By late November, 1982, after the in-depth inspection of the Diesel Generator Building, Ron Gardner, another inspector, testified that the entire team favored the shut down of the plant.

Once you reviewed what these best experts had to say about this project, you would realize that it is only phony politics and money games on the part of CPCo that have kept this project alive to this point.

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You, undoubtedly, did not realize that William Dircks, the person at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to whom you wrote your letter, had testified before a Congressional Committee that Midland was one of the 5 worst constructed plants in the country.

After all, it was the Dow Chemical Co., after an in-depth review of the documentation of what has gone on at this plant, that has charged in its lawsuit that CPCo lied to them about their construction schedule and concealed the sitewide soils problems which CPCo knew about in 1977 in order to re-negotiate a contract with Dow by June, 1978. It is the Dow Chemical Co. that stated, when they cancelled their steam contract, that the cost of power and steam from this plant would be "intolerable."

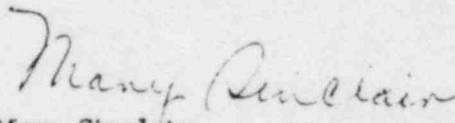
Dow Corning opted not to go along with securing steam and power from this plant in 1978 and built their own wood waste cogenerating unit. Dow Corning is now in a position to expand in Midland. On the other hand, the Dow Chemical Co. has stated that the high costs of the nuclear plant and the uncertainty about its operation have hindered their planning at Midland and caused a reduction in their work force.

By any stretch of the imagination, can you believe that other industries would come into this area if those that are already here can't afford the cost of this energy? Do you believe other major industries in this state, such as General Motors, Ford Motor Co., etc. would join in the call for the abandonment of this plant if they thought they were going to need it or be able to afford the power from it in the future?

The Chamber of Commerce types in Midland and local politicians have been raising what I can only view as soci-ally pathological hysteria that is totally unsupported by the facts on the record, -a record which they carefully avoid studying because it would require responsible action on their part, instead of emotional poppycock.

I will be glad to discuss the facts about this nuclear plant at any time and to provide you with the statement I made before the Commission if you want to see it.

Yours sincerely,


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P.S. Copies of this letter are also being sent to Richard T. Miller and Susan Biggs, who also sent letters to William Dircks.

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