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Gentlemen

I take this opportunity to express my opinion of the proposed license for the operation of the Limerick plant in our neighborhood.

In this time of environment Control regulations, we find strict controls placed on air and water pollution, and it's good. Yet the average person who can see and smell has no problem recognizing air pollution or water pollution, but nuclear pollution is something else and much more dangerous. It is evident that all of us who live nearby should have something to say about our environment as far as nuclear plants are concerned. Therefore my position is; no plant should be licensed in any neighborhood unless the people have the opportunity to approve it by referendum.

If this plant is licensed without giving us this opportunity, and a catastrophe should follow, those responsible including you, would be guilty of a serious crime against the people of our neighborhood. I urge you not to license this plant without a neighborhood referendum.

Yours truly, John L. Dzedy

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10: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Hearings, Atomic Safety & Licensing Board

Comments on the subject of the Limerick nuclear reactors #1 & #2. -
Having a masters degree in Community Health from the University of
Michigan, I am currently chair of the Nuclear Information Committee
of the Jane Addams Peace Association and Women's Int'l League for
Peace and Freedom. My major interest in my degree was maternal and
child health. It is still my major.

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We are very glad that you have come to Limerick to see for yourselves
the area of the plant being built and to hear from the residents.
Yours is a very serious responsibility to the people of Pennsylvania.

A public utility also has responsibility to the public it serves. In
the long run a nuclear reactor on the small Schuylkill river poses a
clear danger to the city of Philadelphia into which it runs, and does
small service to the people of Chester and Montgomery counties. A spill
of radioactive materials into the river would flow straight to Phila-
delphia. An accident would harm innumerable communities. The site
should never have been allowed for the Limerick plant. Because construc-
tion has been started is not a good reason to continue a mistake.

Even if no accident occurred, in these days of brittle metal and emer-
ging cracks, a normally operating reactor releases low levels of rad-
iation every day. This has been admitted. It has also been proven in
England and confirmed at Harvard that low level radiation causes leu-
kemia. Infants and children are particularly susceptible. There is an
Elementary school within a mile of the Limerick plant. Are they will-
ing to move the school to a safe distance? Leukemia may begin to ap-
pear five years after accumulating small exposures. Navy men on nuclear
submarines have developed leukemia after four years. It is beginning to
appear in Middletown, near Three Mile Island. The usual reaction has
been cover-up, denial or failure to publicize.

We visited the information center of Limerick three years ago. At that
time the cost was to be $3\frac{1}{2}$ billion of which one billion was interest to
be paid on borrowed money. Now the cost is over five billion - is one
third still interest? Are we to support the banks or the public needs?
Pennsylvanians are refusing to pay for construction work in progress
from which the public receives no benefit. Who pays for the harm done?
And who will be asked to pay for the decommissioning after 25 years,
supposing it lasts that long? It may cost more than the construction.

Nuclear waste is an unsolved problem that will last long after all the
nuclear reactors are closed down. It can no longer be shipped out of
state to Hanford, Washington or South Carolina. That means that PA.
must become a nuclear waste dump. We say, "Enough already." The waste
is as dangerous to health as the fuel and the plutonium more so.

In our opinion, it is an unacceptable location, at an unacceptable cost,
on which to build an unacceptable health hazard that will outlive our
grandchildren. There are acceptable alternatives and those who carry
responsibility to the nation can afford to take the long view.

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