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Ms. Emily Hicinbothem
446 First Avenue
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Dear Ms. Hicinbothem:

Your February 26, 1981 letter to President Reagan has been referred to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Following President Carter's energy policy message of April 22, 1977, the Energy Research and Development Administration requested an indefinite suspension of the schedule associated with the licensing of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project (CRBRP). As a result, the NRC staff did not continue its safety review in regard to the construction permit application for the CRBRP. The staff did redirect its review activities to bring the safety review to a point where the effort to date would be adequately documented and any nearly complete efforts would be completed. The NRC staff estimates that its technical review was about 60% complete when the review was suspended.

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We have sent a copy of your letter and our response to the Department of Energy for their information.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Robert L. Tedesco, Assistant Director
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February 26, 1981

NRC Dear President Reagan,
Last night at our Peabody Memorial
High School I heard Dr. Rosalyn Yalow,
the second woman to win the Nobel Prize
in medicine, speak.

Dr. Yalow trained as a nuclear
physicist, did her Nobel research at
the Stout Veterans Administration
Hospital where she is now senior
research investigator. Her topic was
"Radioactivity in the Service of Man."

The fact that other countries in
the world are ahead of us in research
and use of nuclear energy is disturbing
to her and to me as well.

Dr. Yalow stated that she would
rather live next to Three Mile Island
than next to a busy highway, and
that since each of us has God

given radioactivity from the sun, sky
and ground is a larger amount than
has come from them. Thus I should
our citizens should be educated to
accept and to support nuclear re-
search and nuclear energy.

Your proposal for completion
of the Cinch River nuclear breeder
reactor project in Tennessee is
encouraging. I hope that you will
see that our country will sur-
pass the nuclear ~~project~~ of other
countries in the world.

Sincerely,

Erwin Stinebaugh

446 First Avenue,
Pelham, N.Y. 10803



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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Tedesco", is written above the typed name.

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