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To whom it Concerns.

I am writing to protest the  
speed up tactics for licensing  
for the mobilization of a protest  
group it's time to give consideration  
to the masses!

Sincerely,

Stephen Kampwirth



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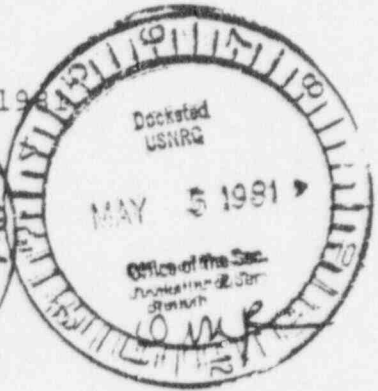
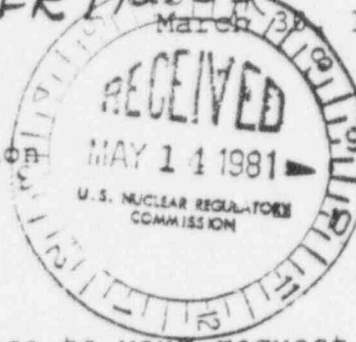
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March 30, 1981

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
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Dear Persons,

I am writing in response to your request for public reaction to current consideration of modifications in the licensing policies for nuclear power plants. I was amazed to read in the Los Angeles Times and hear on the radio of possible elimination of the discovery rule. I think it is vital that information on safety issues at any specific plant be available to the public for assessment prior to the licensing hearings. I would think this change would seriously interfere with the goals of such hearings, tending to make them more a formality than a genuine attempt to evaluate the safety and appropriateness of licensing.

I am also very concerned about the possibility of some nuclear reactors beginning operation at low levels of power even before the public licensing process is completed. Again, this seems highly antagonistic to the goals of the hearings and licensing process, not to mention the potential danger to the public in surrounding areas.

I strongly protest these changes. I view them as reflective of reduced concern over the safety of power plants, with higher priority on the speed and number of plants licensed. As a citizen very much concerned about radiation and the immediate and longterm effects any leakage would have on us and the generations to come, I voice my strong objections to priorities which do not put safety first. I know the Commission is under pressure because of anticipated increased demands for energy sources, but an energy source which does longterm damage to the consumers is an obvious tragic failure. If the citizens of our country cannot depend upon the government agency delegated to control and regulate nuclear development to pursue an approach in these matters which we can trust will protect the health and wellbeing of us and our children, our country and its values are in serious trouble.

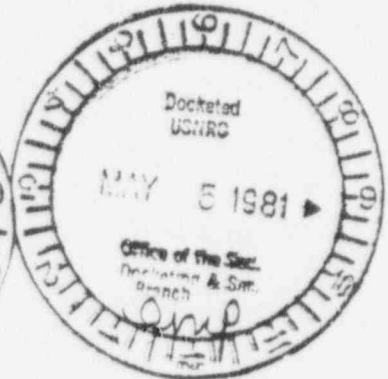
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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk  
Secretary of the Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Request to Congress to Grant Interim Licenses to Completed Nuclear  
Power Plants Prior to the Completion of Public Hearings

April 27, 1980

Dear Secretary Chilk:

I wish to express my strong objection to Chairman Hendrie's suggestion that the NRC-related backlog of nuclear power plants awaiting operating licenses necessitates the incredible notion of granting interim operating licenses to those plants which are now, or which will soon be, completed—prior to the completion of required public hearings. Such pre-empting of the public's right to participate meaningfully in resolving allegations of construction deficiencies, emergency plan inadequacies, and other problems in areas dealing with the public's health and safety, as required in the regulations, is appalling. Such blatant disregard for the contributions made by the public in the hearings is astounding—for the Commissioner asserts that such interim licenses would only be granted "where all applicable health and safety requirements have been met" (NRC News Releases, 3/17/81, p. 2). Does the Commissioner imply by this statement that such judgments on the adequacy of such compliance are routinely made before public hearings begin—before intervenors' contentions relating to health and safety have been resolved? If so, one wonders why the NRC bothers to hold hearings at all!

Several other questions come to mind after reflecting momentarily upon this proposal: (1) How long an "interim" operating license period is the Commissioner proposing? A month? Two? Ten? Once the plant is operational and functioning even at a low test level, wouldn't the utility have little or no incentive to respond to intervenors' questions? (2) Wouldn't the issuance of such a "learner's permit" prejudice the full-scale operating license hearings in favor of the licensee? For if, for say a month of low-level testing, no discernable flaws were noted, wouldn't the NRC staff and the Hearings Boards conclude that such a good record constituted proof positive that the intervenors' contentions were, in fact, groundless—and move for summary disposition on the basis of the interim results?

I strongly suspect that if interim operating licenses were, in fact, granted, such scenarios would become commonplace and the issues raised by concerned citizens would never be considered or resolved. In effect, I suspect that if the interim licensing process were begun, it would effectively short-circuit the hearings process itself, stifling valid contentions and leaving crucial questions unresolved.

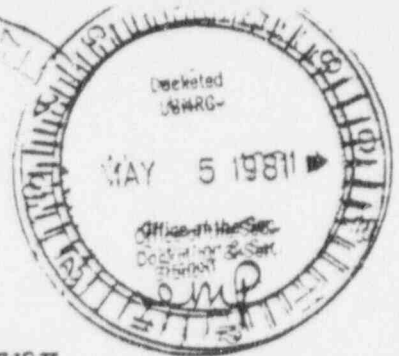
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125 Doll Parkway  
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Secretary of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Secretary:

I am writing you because I strongly oppose any move to cut the review period on the licensing of nuclear power plants. I feel this would make it even more difficult to ask the necessary questions regarding safety, economics, environmental impact, etc. that should be asked and answered before a plant is allowed to go into operation.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Shelley Conture



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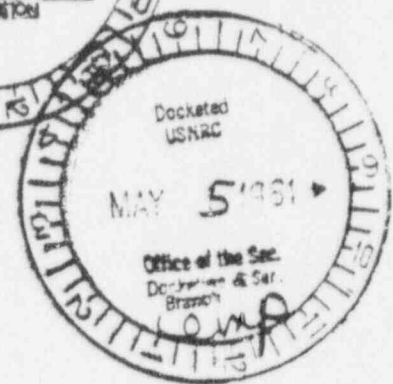
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Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Attention of Docketing and Service Branch.

Gentlemen:

We have a copy from the Federal Register of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposed rules changes in the matter of the licensing of nuclear power plants. A date of April 7 is given as the expiration of the comment period, which seems unrealistic since the changes were not published until March 18. Another date, May 4, has been mentioned, and we are submitting the following comments:

1. The amendments are proposed to speed up the licensing process because of the possibility that a number of reactors will be completed prior to the completion of adjudicatory hearings. The question that comes to mind is why construction is permitted while the Commission is still, at least theoretically, in the process of determining whether the plant can be operated. It seems inevitable that once construction has been completed or substantially so, the NRC will grant the operating license. We find this totally irresponsible on the part of an agency that, again theoretically, is protecting the safety of people.

2. The changes propose to eliminate the opportunity for parties to licensing proceedings to engage in formal discovery against the staff, but staff would produce relevant documents and would respond to requests for information wherever practicable. It would be up to staff to determine whether to respond to informal discovery or provide witnesses at hearings. In other words, there would be no effective rule at all, and parties to licensing proceedings might or might not have necessary information made available to them.

3. The Licensing Board Chairman would be authorized to act alone on prehearing matters, but it would be within his discretion to consult other members on appropriate matters before action. Again, no real rule.

4. The Executive Director for Operations of the NRC will designate witnesses at the hearing, and the attendance and testimony of the Commissioners and named NRC personnel may not be required by the presiding officer, by subpoena or otherwise.

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Secretary of the Commission  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Docketing & Service Branch.



Dear Sir

My husband & I are strongly opposed  
to the speeding of new licenses for  
Nuclear Power Plants by the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission.

We would also like to retain  
the right to a full Public Hearing  
before any of these licenses are  
granted.

Thomas & Catherine Rista

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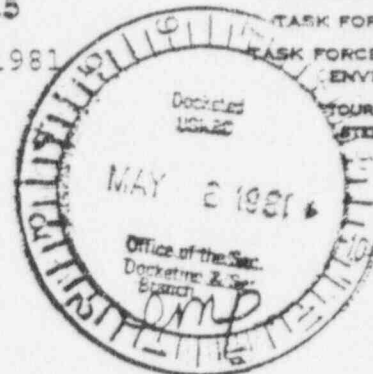
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Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Recently, one of my constituents, Mr. Emery Nemethy, forwarded the enclosed letter to you. As you can see from his letter, Mr. Nemethy has several questions concerning proposed NRC rule changes, notice requirements, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

This letter is to request that an investigation be made by your staff into the questions raised, and that an answer be provided to Mr. Nemethy's inquiry at your earliest convenience. I would also like to request that I receive a copy of the NRC's answer to Mr. Nemethy's inquiry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*James L. Nelligan*  
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Member of Congress

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Chairman John F. Abate  
NRC

1717 H St, NW  
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Dear Sir -

An article in the Mar 19 New York Times says the NRC is proposing rule changes in the licensing of new atomic reactors. Among the provisions would be a limit of 25 days in which intervenors could demand relevant information from the applicant.

Also, a proposal to eliminate any requirements that the NRC provide any supporting data.

Finally, according to the report, the new rule would allow motions for dismissal of intervenors' contentions at any time.

We can understand the NRC's concern, following the incident at 3-Mile Island, to get the reactor program rolling again. However - if our understanding is correct - wasn't the NRC chartered, in theory at least, to ensure public safety?

If your rule change goes into effect, we suggest the following amendments:

- 1 - Keep the public informed promptly of major developments, such as this one, not by publication in the Congressional Record, but by clearly-worded releases to the news services, with a minimum of jargon.
- 2 - If your commission is truly a regulatory one, it seems to us you should be prepared to respond promptly to public requests for information. If photocopies of relevant documents are asked for, they ought to be available for no more than 5¢ a page. (We've heard the NRC was charging 25¢ or 50¢ a page)

Finally, though this subject doesn't have a bearing on your proposed rule change, we'd like to make a suggestion about radioactive waste disposal.

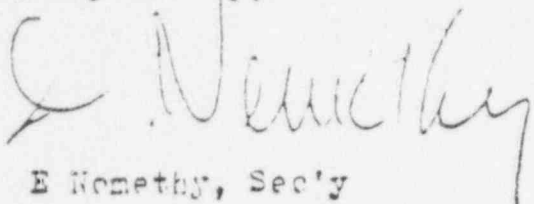
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At least four areas of the country are now heavily contaminated with radioactive waste: the states of Washington, Idaho and S Carolina. Also, there are the sites of underground atomic tests - in Nevada?

Instead of opening more waste dumps, why not dump wastes in areas already contaminated?

Very truly,



E Nemethy, Sec'y

cc: To our public officials

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