



The INDIANA SASSAFRAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

of Lawrence - Greene - Monroe -
Brown - Morgan & Owen Counties

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Mr. B. J. Youngblood
Chief, Licensing Branch No. 1
Division of Licensing
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

In response to your letter of May 5, 1981, the Sassafras Audubon Society has a continuing concern in Marble Hill, and would appreciate continuing to receive directly copies of NRC correspondence to Public Service Indiana (PSI). Madison, Indiana is some distance from Bloomington, Indiana, a round-trip requiring three hours travel time, and the need to secure information about Marble Hill from the Madison-Jefferson Public Library would constitute a hardship. We are asking PSI for copies of documents filed with the NRC on Marble Hill, as you suggested.

Sassafras Audubon wishes to be a party to the Operator License (OL) Proceedings regarding Marble Hill. Sassafras Audubon filed a request with the NRC for a public hearing when safety-related construction was stopped at Marble Hill because of a breakdown in PSI's quality control-quality assurance program. This request was denied even though this was an early and meaningful stage in Marble Hill's construction and the request concerned issues and problems relative to nuclear power plant operation not covered, or inadequately covered, in the construction license proceeding. The public hearing held in March 1980, in Madison, Indiana on PSI's revised quality assurance program, cannot be construed as a substitute for the type of Hearing we requested.

We received notice on Saturday, May 9th, 1981, of a forthcoming meeting on May 11th with PSI concerning the schedule for the FSAR and ER tendering and OL Review. We would appreciate a copy of the report on the results of the meeting.

We have been disturbed by recent Federal Government action toward speeding up licensing of nuclear power plants and the possibility of issuance of "interim" operator licenses before a public hearing might be held or completed on the FSAR, ER, and OL. We would appreciate specific information as to when to apply for a public hearing on the FSAR, ER, and OL for Marble Hill, including an "interim" license, if such becomes a general practice.

Yours sincerely,

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