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

Dear Secretary:

Our local paper carried a story on the request of the NRC for public comment on the NRC's recent decision to make meetings secret.

I speak for myself, my husband, and my adolescent son, when I say that we were horrified that the NRC made such a decision. Secret meetings seem un-American, except when matters of national security are at stake. In no wise can we understand why any meetings of the NRC be secret. If there are national security questions involved, then the public should know that fact, even if they are not privy to information disseminated at such meetings (those involving national security).

How is it possible, in this free country, that knowledge about matters deeply affecting the public -- such as safety at a nuclear power facility -- be concealed without justification? Ought not we, who must live with the consequences of inadequate design, incompetent staffing, or ignored geophysical data, have access to all information that would make us able to become involved in the process of making our lives safer?

Until recently, my family lived quite happily in Baywood Park, a small community of a residential area called Los Osos, not far from the Diablo Canyon facility. When the plant went on line, we were forced to move -- for two reasons. One was that we were concerned about low-level radiation over a period of years, especially on behalf of our child. The second was that we were convinced the plant design and management are improper, and that the accident potential is high, and, living in Los Osos, there is no way to leave the community in a direction away from the plant that would not be blocked almost immediately in the case of an evacuation. My child was terribly upset at having to move from his home and leave his friends.

We did not believe, on the evidence we had seen presented to the NRC, that it was possible the plant would be licensed. But, it was, and we have to live with the immediate and enduring consequences unless we are to leave our community, our work, and our friends completely. These are painful decisions, but at least we made them knowing what reality about the plant is.

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Letter to the Secretary of the NRC

14 June 1985

Just imagine what our pain would have been had we exposed our child unwittingly to the great danger we believe exists.... and stayed in Baywood because there was insufficient exposure of the facts about Diablo Canyon, because--for instance--of secret meetings.

We are temporarily taking our chances in San Luis Obispo, being a little farther from the radiation danger on a daily basis, and being in a community it is easier to get out of than Baywood. But, it is our fervent hope that the NRC will be forced to do its legal job, and rescind the Diablo Canyon license.

We believe the NRC has acted illegally. We believe that the NRC is attempting to block action against its illegal action by closing its operations from public view. We believe that such attempted concealment is not only illegal, but immoral.

There are people living here--real people with real and vulnerable children. There is a desperation here among those who are informed about the plant design, construction, placement, and management. But there is one ray of hope in the darkness of that despair, and it is that the traditionally open processes of government in the USA will continue, will not be thwarted by the questionable proposed practices of the NRC (of secret meetings), and that--in the not-too-distant future--justice and reason shall prevail.

You who make such decisions, look at your own families; notice the small and defenseless children in your community. See that you are part of a whole, and serve that enlarged community--not only your own narrow interests. We of the people who are fighting a life-threatening situation have nothing to gain. We won't make any money, get any government benefits...we are only interested in the well-being of our families, our communities.

Please help us stay informed so that we may be active participants in the processes that rule our destiny. Keep the meetings open, keep your minds open, help us be free people in a fair country.

Sincerely,

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June 15, 1985

Dear Secretary of the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission -
My comment regarding
the recent decisions made
many of your meetings
secret is this - Absolutely
Not - we who are opposed
to all the nuclear stuff -
especially the waste, want
to know always what is
going on. This is our
right and I insist
upon it.

Thank you,

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Dear Sir:

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Please do not take any action such as redefining what is considered a "meeting" in order to avoid the requirements of the federal open meeting act.

Stand up and face the music. It isn't too late for some of you to start acting in the public interest and safety. Most people who have followed NRC activity for the past few years have concluded you are (most of you) political errand boys. Why not regain your self respect?

Sincerely,

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