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The Honorable Beverly B. Byron  
Member, United States House  
of Representatives  
10 East Church Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Congresswoman Byron:

This is in response to your request for our consideration of issues raised in correspondence directed to you by an employee of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding relocation of employees of the NRC from Montgomery County to a District of Columbia location.

Discussions have been held with the General Services Administration (GSA) to identify potential options for consolidation of NRC from eleven (11) current building assignments in Bethesda, Rockville, Silver Spring, and the District of Columbia. However, there has been no significant progress toward a mutually acceptable decision regarding these options. Until GSA identifies acceptable space to consolidate the Agency, I expect no major movement of NRC will take place.

I wish to assure you that any contemplated move of NRC components will be motivated by operational efficiency and cost effectiveness. The potential impact of a relocation on NRC staff will be considered carefully during evaluation of site options presented to us by GSA.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Jack W. Rea

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Executive Director for Operations

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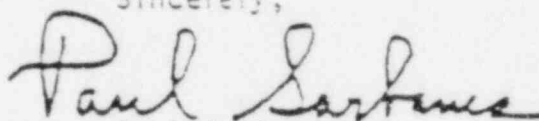
Nunzio J. Pallidino  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, NW  
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Dear Mr. Pallidino:

I am contacting you to forward correspondence I have received from Loren W. Bussert, a constituent who is very concerned about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the state of the nuclear power utilities. Your review of my constituent's concerns would be greatly appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Paul S. Sarbanes  
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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DEAR SENATOR SARBANES

PLEASE CONVEY TO NUNZIO PALADINO MY DISAPPOINTMENT IN HIS STEWARDSHIP AT NRC.

I OWN 100 SHARES OF 4 ELECTRIC UTILITIES INCLUDING GPU, THE OPERATOR (PERPETRATOR) OF THE THREE-MILE-ISLAND FIASCO FACILITY. THE OTHER 3 UTILITIES ARE COMPLETING NUCLEAR PLANTS (86%-99% COMPLETE), NONE IS IN DANGER OF CANCELLATION, BUT EACH HAS PAID HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INTEREST DUE TO LONG DELAYS.

SOME DELAYS WERE NECESSARY; NUCLEAR SAFETY IS AND MUST REMAIN THE TOP GOAL OF THE INDUSTRY BUT THE NRC HAS COMPOUNDED PROBLEMS BY ITS FREQUENT REVISIONS & ENDLESS DELAYS.

THE NRC'S FOOT-DRAWING & PAPERWORK HAVE PUSHED MANY UTILITIES TO THE POINT OF RUIN & STRIPPED INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN EVEN THE HEALTHIEST OF UTILITIES. UNNECESSARILY BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS REDUCE RATHER THAN PROMOTE SAFETY. BY THE TIME SOME OF

THE UTILITIES OPEN THEIR PLANTS, THEY WILL HAVE  
BECOME FINANCIAL BASKET CASES. LOOK AT LILO:  
A DEMORALIZED WORKFORCE HAS TAKEN A SUBSTANTIAL  
PAYCUT, HARSHED EXECUTIVES ARE CUTTING EVERY  
CORNER POSSIBLE, & THE COMPANY'S ACCOUNTANTS ARE  
TRYING TO STAVE OFF IMMINENT BANKRUPTCY.  
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES EVERYBODY IS TEMPTED  
TO CUT CORNERS IN COMPLETING OR RUNNING  
THE PLANT.

LOOK AT THE THREE-MILE-ISLAND FIASCO. THE PLANT'S  
BACK UP SYSTEM OPERATED SMOOTHLY, BUT A SINGLE  
WORKER, MIS-READING THE CONTROLS, OVERRODE THE  
AUTOMATIC BACK-UP SYSTEM & BEGAN TO DRAIN THE  
REACTOR VESSEL. IT WAS THE HUMAN ELEMENT THAT  
FAILED.....

THE NRC'S UNNECESSARY DELAYS & REVISIONS ONLY SERVE  
TO PROMOTE FAILURE ON THE HUMAN SIDE. ANOTHER  
NUCLEAR "INCIDENT" BECOMES A SELF-FULFILLING  
PROPHECY.

CONSIDER THREE MILE-ISLAND. A SINGLE WORKER  
PROVED THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN  
"IDiot-PROOF" PROCEDURE, BUT THE NRC HAS INSISTED  
THAT BFM CLOSE ITS UNDAMAGED TWIN FOR THE  
FIRST 5 YEARS, THIS WAS NECESSARY FOR THE FIRST  
2-3 YEARS, BUT NOT NOW.

BROUGHT IN A NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM, HIRED OUTSIDE DIRECTORS FROM ACADEMIA, ETC. BUT THE NRC HAS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO ISSUE A DECISION.

GPU ASKED HYMAN RICKOVER TO REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT TEAM. ADMIRAL RICKOVER DOES NOT SUFFER FOOLS GLADLY, AND I IMAGINE THAT THE INTERVIEWS WERE MOST UNPLEASANT. NEVERTHELESS, ADMIRAL RICKOVER FOUND GPU QUALIFIED TO RUN THE PLANT.

I KNOW RICKOVER'S RECORD & I TRUST HIS JUDGMENT. IF HE IS WILLING TO RISK HIS CONSIDERABLE REPUTATION IN ASSERTING THAT THIS PLANT IS SAFE — THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

SENATOR SARBANES, I WORK FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT & I KNOW WHY TMI-1 IS STILL CLOSED. PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT ARE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS. TO THE BUREAUCRATIC MIND, THERE ARE ALWAYS 3 OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR EACH DECISION: "YES" "NO" & "WAIT & SEE." OPTION #3 IS VERY POPULAR WHERE I WORK. AND AT THE NRC.

THE FOOTDRAGGING OF THE NRC IMPACTS ALL OF US. BGE, FOR EXAMPLE, GENERATES 54% OF ITS POWER FROM ITS NUCLEAR PLANT AT CALVERT. THE AVERAGE MARYLAND HOUSEHOLD SAVES \$140 — /YEAR IN FUEL COSTS. YET BGE'S HAS PREMIUM INTEREST ON ITS BONDS BECAUSE IT IS A "NUCLEAR" UTILITY, IF BGE DID NOT GENERATE POWER FROM NUCLEAR FISSION, IT

WOULD NOT HURT MY FAMILY MUCH, BUT TAKE \$140  
FROM EVERY FAMILY IN MARYLAND & MAIL IT TO  
SHEIK YAMANI & THERE WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL  
DIFFERENCE IN MARYLAND'S ECONOMY.

IN SUMMARY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER  
THESE ISSUES & CONTACT NRC ABOUT MY CONCERNS  
NRC HAS ALREADY ADMITTED THAT TMI-1 IS  
STRUCTURALLY SOUND & THE UTILITY HAS EXCEEDED  
THE NRC'S SAFETY STANDARDS.

BUT IT IS STILL DITING FOR OPTION #3.

REGARDS,

John

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