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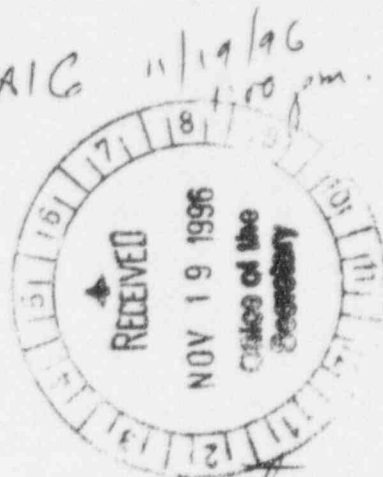
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# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ROCKFORD

Anna May Haycraft  
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TO: JOHN CRAIG



Dear Anna May Haycraft,

Enclosed are some of my comments on the Strategic Assessment and Restoring Initiative Stakeholders Meeting that I was able to attend on November 8, 1996 at the Ramada O'Hare Inn.

Since most of the NRC meetings are held in Bethesda, Md., I was pleased that the Public was invited to this meeting in Chicago.

I have also enclosed the National League of Women Voters position on Energy, which explains the Rockford League's intervention in the Operating License of the Byron Nuclear Power Plant and the comments I have written and enclosed.

Sincerely,  
Betty Johnson

Note: "Energy position paper  
not enclosed."  
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# NRC STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND REBASELINING INITIATIVE

## DIRECTION SETTING ISSUE COMMENT FORM

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COMMENT: Illinois currently has 13 of the nation's 199 nuclear reactors, more than any other state in the U.S., and a reliable safety analysis has shown that 7 of these have overall ratings in the bottom 1/3 of all U.S. Reactors. Since 1996 Commonwealth Edison has had 6 of its reactors on the NRC's "close watch list" for unacceptable performance, inadequate maintenance, and potentially unsafe operating procedures. The Byron Nuclear Power Plant will need replacement of its steam generators in 1997 and has other problems including poor environmental siting, as I know from the Intervention for its Operating License.