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Representative David Price  
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Dear Representative Price,

I appreciate your recent letter about the environmental protection work you have done in Congress. This is great. My biggest concern right now though is the pollution of our Triangle area, our state, and our world through nuclear waste.

As I wrote to you several weeks ago, our government has been using depleted uranium in its bombing, notably in Serbia and Iraq, since the Iraq war (called "Desert Storm"). My son-in-law was in that war and has some health problems. I'm just glad that my grandchildren weren't born without arms, brains, etc. The military personnel were not told that the bombs used depleted uranium, which has a wide area of harm at the time and for centuries to come. So we are now responsible for thousands and thousands of deaths of children and of children born since that war with birth defects, in this country and in Iraq. By any human standards, this can't be right. Apart from whether it is a good idea to do this bombing at all, it is certainly a black mark on our country's human rights record to be using these depleted uranium bombs, and this use of them is apparently ongoing in Iraq. I'd like to hear what you are doing or can do to stop this.

Then, as you know, we here in the Triangle area, are very concerned about CP & L's plan to increase its storage of an even more dangerous material, spent uranium fuel rods, at Shearon Harris. I now have, thanks to CP & L, a tone alert radio to notify me in case of an accident at Shearon Harris. I am 8 miles away, and I am unable to hear their sirens inside my house. We will hope that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has the public's health and welfare at heart when it makes its decision about whether to allow CP & L to store more of these very dangerous rods.

But now there is apparently January 20 in Cary a meeting held by the NRC, called an NRC Roundtable Public Meeting, 7-9 PM, in Homewood Suites, 100 Macalysen Ct, McGregor Park (near McGregor Village Shopping center at intersection of US 64 and US 1, southwest of Raleigh), with selected members of the public invited, to discuss a new plan that NRC has to do less checking on its nuclear plants. From what I have learned in recent months, the NRC should be much more careful in checking these plants, since there have been numerous instances when they took the word of the plant and didn't check carefully themselves, or left at the end of an hour, even though the job wasn't finished, etc. The most notorious error being at Three Mile Island, which they'd given the green light to just before it began to melt down.

People I take seriously say that the NRC is heavily influenced by the

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power companies, and that leading Congresspeople are on the "side" of the power companies.

If we talk about pollution, this kind of risk to American health, soil, air, water is of such proportions that other concerns, for me, take a back seat. Just because we haven't had a major nuclear accident since Three Mile Island doesn't mean we couldn't have one tomorrow right here in our beloved Triangle area!

I appreciate all your efforts. I'm sure that if you give this some serious attention, you will be attended to. I am not invited to this roundtable, but you may be or others you know. Please be sure that NRC understands that there is widespread dismay about CP & L's plans and approach to public health and safety and that we don't trust the NRC now, so why should we trust them to cut back on their inspections?

Sincerely,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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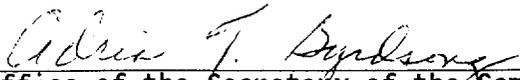
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