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Dear Sir:

I call your attention to the enclosed article from the News and Observer. Orange County sent out a press release earlier this week, which, to my knowledge, you have not yet responded to. Please do! The citizens of Durham, many of whom are my friends and students, need to know about this important NRC report, relevant to the issue of CP & L's request to double its hot nuclear waste in pools at Shearon Harris, 25 miles south of Durham, rather than use the safer dry cask alternative. On April 30 at 4 PM we will be holding a rally at the Harris plant to stand up for nuclear safety.

In this 21st century it behooves us all to consider the damage we are doing now and will do in the future to our environment by allowing large corporations to proceed merrily on their way to huge profits (CP & L made \$382 million in 1999, and it would take less than ½ % of this to choose safety). Your paper is committed to "essential reading" and is in competition with the News and Observer. Yet the N & O has a far better record for coverage of this issue over the 18 months. Please go on record for nuclear safety, for a full evidentiary hearing, which would permit scientists to speak about the real dangers of having so much Cesium 137 (already there is much more of it there than was at Chernobyl, where everyone is dying) stored in this highly populated part of our state. Are we prepared to evacuate the Triangle Area in order to allow CP & L another ½ % of profits?

Sincerely,

Judy Hogan

Encl: cc: Rep. Price, Senators Edwards and Helms, Gov. Hunt, County Commissioners, Sen Kinnaird, N & O, area newspapers, CP & L, friends

News & Observer
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CP&L, Orange differ on study's effect

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Nuclear commission report says relevant physics not fully detailed

By DAVID SCHULMAN, The Chapel Hill News

HILLSBOROUGH -- Opponents of CP&L's plan to expand spent-uranium storage at the Shearon Harris nuclear plant say a new Nuclear Regulatory Commission study lends support to Orange County's bid to require a detailed environmental analysis of the plan.

"It's kind of a breath of fresh air," said Gordon Thompson, the county's nuclear consultant. "It admits all kinds of technical uncertainty."

The new NRC study examined the safety of fuel pools, such as those used at Shearon Harris, at plants to be taken out of service and said some of the physics of spent fuel pools in an accident have not been fully investigated.

But Carolina Power & Light spokesman Mike Hughes cautioned against reading too much into the study, on which both sides were required to comment as part of their 14-month-old legal dispute before the NRC's Atomic Licensing Board.

While waiting for a federally run long-term storage site in Nevada to be approved and built, CP&L wants approval to rely on two never-used storage pools to store waste from Shearon Harris and two other nuclear plants. The unused pools were built when more than one reactor was planned at the Wake County site. But Hughes said the new NRC study of storage pools is not relevant to its application to expand storage at Shearon Harris.

CP&L's plan represents a safer scenario than those considered in the NRC study, he said. In addition to having more up-to-date monitoring systems, an operating plant such as Shearon Harris -- unlike an out-of-service facility -- has personnel in the control room around the clock.

The county takes the opposite view. Thompson says proximity to an operating plant adds risks in the event of an accident at the working reactor. He argues that a reactor accident could drive staff out of the control room, making it impossible to respond as water in the storage pools evaporates -- risking a second, uncontained radioactive release. Thompson also says the new study falls short of providing information needed to assess the safety of CP&L's expansion plans.

"There are so many unknowns, and they acknowledge that in this report," said county Commissioner Margaret Brown. "So our concerns about safety and the long-term storage are really right on target. It's clear we're doing the right thing."

But CP&L says the risk of any accident at Shearon Harris is remote. Hughes said the county's preferred option -- dry-cask storage -- is no safer than the storage pools CP&L has years of experience with. He pointed to a fuel-storage controversy in St. Lucie County, Fla., this fall, in which a nuclear watchdog group made the opposite argument about dry-cask storage -- that nuclear waste "is too dangerous a material to be experimented with in this way."

"I'm sorry the message doesn't seem to be getting through to the folks from Orange County," Hughes said. "You've got equal technologies, from a safety perspective. ... We have infinitely more experience with the technology we are using currently, not only as a company but as an industry."

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Harris Nuclear Plant (Main Gate) Sunday, April 30th at 4pm
Shearon Harris Rd. (off Old U.S. 1) (Severe weather date May 7th, call 490-0747 for updates)
New Hill, NC. (It's a straight shot south on NC 751 from I-40 or U.S. 64)

The groups will use music, theatrical satire and dynamic speakers to point to the recklessness of increasing the risk of a nuclear accident at Harris when it could be avoided for a fraction of CP&L's \$300 million annual profit. More importantly, the rally will target the corporate arrogance which attempts to deny any semblance of democracy in such an important regional decision involving public safety.

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Pressure for CP&L to spend a little extra for a safer waste storage plan continues to grow, especially as more is learned about nuclear waste pool storage and problems at CP&L's nuclear plants:

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