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To the NRC,

I am writing/faxing to state my strong opposition to your intentions to extend the operating life of most reactors in the USA by 20 years. Or for that matter for any years. I am also writing/faxing to express my strong displeasure and opposition to NRC's totally UNDEMOCRATIC approach of only holding public hearings at NRC headquarters not at reactor sites around the country where people will be most directly affected by continued reactor functioning. And where they will both know that such actions are being considered and be able to Democratically express their views on proposed license extensions.

First, NO consideration now or ever should be given to extending the operating life of any reactor anywhere. They are much too dangerous with their continous "creating" of nuclear waste, "low-level" radiation, potential for terrorism, meltdown and proliferation. "Low-level" radiation has been implicated in infant mortality. See: http://www.geocities.com/mothersalert/infant.html This should be enough to have reactors shut down as close to immediately as possible. NRC has by their own admission before Congress stated that there's a 45% chance of a core meltdown over a 20 year period- precisely the period of time that NRC wants to extend the operating license of most reactors in the country. This MUST NOT BE ALLOWED to happen!

Lastly, NRC is suppossed to act as a public watchdog. They are doing exactly the opposite. NRC as an alleged public watchdog should do an immediate 180 and call for a national program of solar, wind and conservation and massive governmental subsidies to insure the success of these programs and the safety and health of the public and environment.

I look forward to your response to my letter and implementation of said public hearings at reactor sites around the country.

Sincerely,

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