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Hi, sorry this is so late. Good work, Jim, Lewis, and Carrie! Meantime there was a near miss at a S.C. plant where a 4-5 inch crack was found in a primary cooling line, where water was leaking. Being an insulated line, the crack was not easily noticeable. Also a serious crack was found at Indian Point plant near NYC, resulting in a nuclear release. Clearly the NRC should not be cutting back on inspections, which is one of their current ideas. In Chatham County we have an opportunity to talk with our commissioners and commissioner candidates about the issue of safe storage at Shearon Harris at an open form at the Central Carolina Community Forum on 64 west from Pittsboro a few miles out of town, headed toward Siler City, at 4-6 PM on Wed, Nov. 1. It would be good to get Wilkie and Morgan, who are the Republicans running against Margaret Pollard and Bob Atwater, who are the Democrats and responsive to our concerns about safety, to talk on the real issues. Wilkie and Morgan have a lot of signs and mailings, but all pretty vague. "Vote your heart."? My heart says I'd like to live awhile longer, not live in the shadow of a nuclear plant where profits are put before public information, participation, and safety. Vote on November 7. Me, I'm voting Democrat all the way. Only if a Republican came out exactly on my positions would I be tempted to vote Republican, which have always represented the big money interests to me. True, the Democrats are getting pretty chummy with big corporations, and probably Ralph Nader would be better, but I certainly don't want Bush in charge of my environment! So I won't waste a Nader write-in vote. I hear they won't be counted, but I also hear there will be a legal challenge to that. In any case, yes, do vote your heart and your mind, too! Take care! Judy Hogan -----Original Message-----

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Civil Disobedience Over Nuclear Waste Expansion

Preacher, Others Arrested Pressing CP&L For Safety Hearings

DURHAM – Citizens launched a campaign of nonviolent civil disobedience today at Carolina Power & Light's Raleigh headquarters, protesting the company's prevention of safety hearings on its proposal to expand high-level nuclear waste storage in Wake County. CP&L responded to the peaceful protest by locking the main entrance to its downtown skyscraper.

Saying CP&L's actions to prevent scientific debate are undemocratic, dangerous and leave them

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no other recourse but to heighten the level of protest, Reverend Carrie Bolton and two others were arrested as they sought to meet with CP&L head William Cavanaugh. The group wanted his signature on a formal statement agreeing to immediately stop his company's eighteen-month legal offensive – which has so far been successful – to prevent hearings. The expansion would make CP&L's Harris Nuclear Plant the nation's largest approved storage site for highly irradiated fuel rods.

"When the public is so completely cheated out of any sort of fair process, citizens have the moral responsibility to do all possible, using nonviolent means, to protect the regional public," said Rev. Bolton, a minister from Pittsboro and member of the Coalition Against Nuclear Imports to the Triangle (CANIT). **"CP&L says 'trust us,' but we'll only trust them if they openly address the scientific experts' concerns in open, formal hearings."**

For two years, CANIT and NC WARN have pushed CP&L for an open scientific review of the waste expansion plan. Orange County has formally pressed for hearings, a call joined by a long list of local, state and federal elected officials, along with thousands of citizens. In August, a ruling by the NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board would have finally led to hearings. But CP&L's use of a special NRC loophole means Orange County must win what amounts to an "appeal before trial" in December before its experts could even be allowed to testify at a later date.

At a rousing ceremony at the entrance to the CP&L building, Chatham County Commissioner Gary Phillips Chapel Hill Councilman Kevin Foy each decried the process which has allowed CP&L to block scientific debate. Rev. Bolton signed a giant copy of a statement entitled "An Agreement Between CP&L and Citizens on Safety Hearings." Then she, lawyer Lewis Pitts and NC WARN Director Jim Warren tried to enter the building.

When told by a team of corporate security officers the entrance was locked, the group marched to another entrance which was open to the public. When denied entry – and when CP&L security refused to take the statement to Cavanaugh – the three sat down on CP&L's porch, in front of the entrance and the officers. When they refused to leave, Raleigh police arrested them and charged them with criminal second degree trespass. After being booked, they later were released and ordered to appear for trial on December 1st.

"This is only the beginning," said Pitts. **"We are committed to nonviolence and we are determined to pursue this campaign with vigor. CP&L does not have the public's consent to amass so much nuclear material without addressing the concerns of top nuclear experts."** Students from UNC-CH were on hand to repeat the warning of further nonviolent actions at the Harris Plant and other venues.

Recent government studies reflect serious uncertainties regarding waste pool storage – and confirm the potential for truly disastrous accidents. Two nuclear safety experts working with Orange County warn that CP&L's expansion would substantially increase the risk of a severe waste pool accident. CP&L and the NRC argue that the chance is remote, although they have no

data to support the claim. New research by the Union of Concerned Scientists indicates that the NRC has for years allowed falsified probability studies of the nation's reactors – which has direct implications on further analysis of accidents at Shearon Harris.

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