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October 26, 2000

Chairman Meserve  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve,

We note that you are planning hearings in the communities affected by the planned construction of the proposed MOX fuel factory at the Savannah River Site as part of the required Environmental Impact Statement. That is all well and good, but fails to take into consideration the potential impact which the use of MOX fuel could have on the communities in the vicinity of the reactors where the fuel will be utilized. Although the target date for final implementation of this project is many years in the future, a serious accident would impact the lives of all our citizens for future generations.

Despite the general paucity of public information generally available on this subject, we found that there were a great many people in Buncombe County, North Carolina, who were very concerned about the planned use of plutonium fuel in four of Duke Energy's nuclear reactors around the Charlotte area. The enclosed letters signed by 161 of our citizens speak for the demand for public hearings on this issue. Although the target date for final implementation of this project is many years in the future, a serious accident would impact the lives of all our citizens for future generations.

We ask that you give heed to the requests of our citizens. As part of the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement, we are convinced that it is your responsibility to expeditiously provide fair and thorough hearings with all points of view represented in Asheville and all major communities that could be affected by this experimental use of MOX fuel, whose plutonium is to be derived from nuclear weapons.

Sincerely yours,



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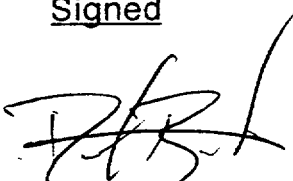

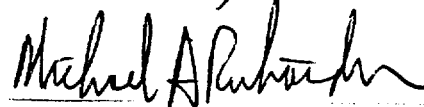
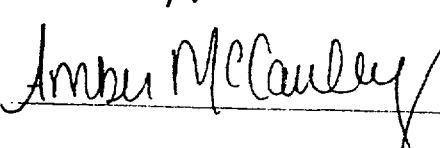
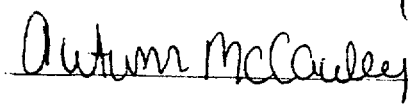
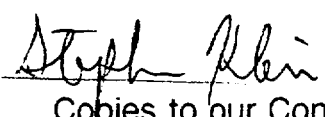
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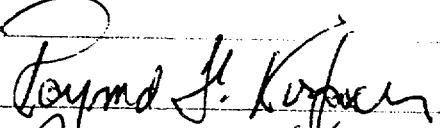
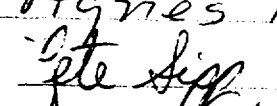
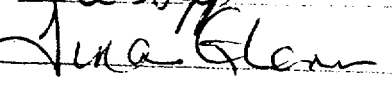
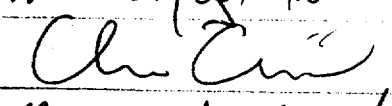
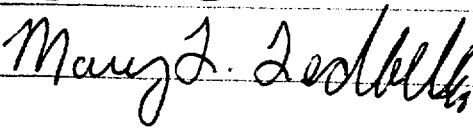
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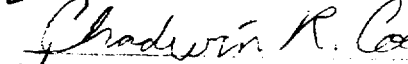
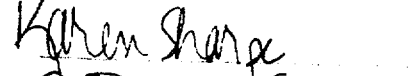
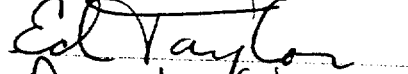
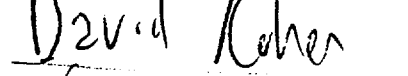

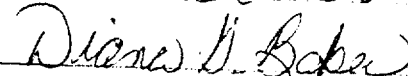
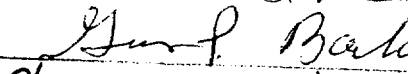

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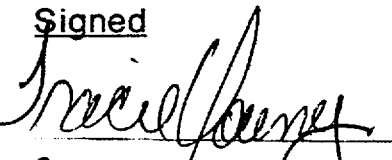
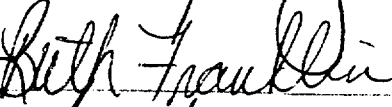




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