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Dear Sir:

Yesterday I received my copy of the CP & L 2001 calendar with the Harris Plant Safety Information, i.e., what I'm to do in the event that the zone 10 miles from the plant near the Chatham-Wake-Lee-Harnett border should have to be evacuated. A week ago, returning from seeing my grandchildren in Washington state, I learned that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had overruled its own licensing board and given CP & L the green light for its plan to double its hot waste storage in pools at Shearon Harris.

Ah, if only I didn't have a conscience, didn't care about my life, my home, my neighbors, my children and grandchildren, and North Carolina! Then I could enjoy the duck calendar CP & L has sent me, with beautiful drawings by Cary J. Hevener! I could imagine ducks swimming in Harris Lake and Jordan Lake in no danger of a pool fire because the irradiated fuel rods are to be stored 1-3 inches apart, and a water loss is all it would take to start a pool fire and destroy an area as large as N.C. for 100 years. If only I could trust the NRC and the U.S. government that authorizes the NRC to imagine and plan so as to avoid a catastrophic accident at any cost. But apparently, per scientist Gordon Thompson, the NRC doesn't admit the possibility of a disaster until one occurs. No pool fires are in their planning, although they admit one could occur. They didn't consider in their thinking a meltdown of the reactor core at Three Mile Island, and so there were no evacuation plans until after that.

If only I could believe that democracy works in my country, that the voices of concerned citizens could be heard instead of being betrayed by corporate greed. Who knows what motive led to the NRC's overruling its own licensing board, but it could not have been concern for law or public safety!

If only I could pretend that everything is okay. But I can't. So I will fight until this issue is resolved safely, until CP & L leads us not with ducks but with dry cask storage, i.e., with concern for our lives. Oh, if only CP & L lived out their words and became the "good neighbors" they say they are. If only they cared about their own children, their own lives! If only they had the conscience that keeps troubling me. I call on my friends and neighbors to help waken CP&L's consciences and to do our part with calls and letters until the demos, the people, rule in this democracy, and not the for-profit corporations, until the NRC's only agenda is what its

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licensing judges espoused December 1999: our safety.

Sincerely,

Judy Hogan

cc: Rep. David Price, Senators Jesse Helms, John Edwards, CP & L, friends

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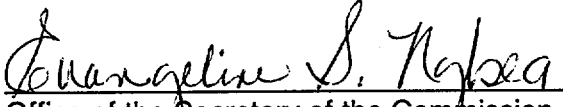
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