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Good for you! Yes, we want open scientific hearings. We want the people whose lives are at risk to have a voice! Judy

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Civil Disobedience Grows as Groups Insist on Safety Hearings

DURHAM – Calling a planned nuclear waste expansion by Carolina Power & Light too risky for approval behind the closed doors of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a group of citizens held another round of nonviolent civil disobedience today. Seven members of NC WARN and the Coalition Against Nuclear Imports to the Triangle (CANIT) were arrested by Raleigh Police when they refused to leave the lobby of CP&L's corporate headquarters without meeting with CEO William Cavanaugh.

The groups wanted Cavanaugh to explain why the utility has spent \$2 million to evade safety hearings on the waste plan. Chatham County resident Laura Wimbish-Vanderbeck said, "We want to hear the concerns of the experts who have evaluated CP&L's proposal – in formal hearings – and we want to hear CP&L respond to those experts under oath."

After a brief rally in front of the building, where the civil disobedience of Martin Luther King and John Adams were recounted, Wimbish-Vanderbeck and Mark Marcoplos led the protesters in the front door, where they were met in the lobby by CP&L security officials.

With the activists calmly insisting on seeing Cavanaugh to directly press him to stop blocking safety hearings, CP&L spokesman Mike Hughes Hughes lost his usually cool demeanor, finally exclaiming in frustration: "This is the same argument you've made for two years ... we held two open houses to explain our plan, but you boycotted them!" The groups, Orange County and other local governments have insisted that formal scientific hearings – not open houses – are the only prudent way to resolve the complex safety issues.

When they refused to leave, the seven were arrested, handcuffed and led out one-by-one to waiting paddy wagons. They were later arraigned and ordered to stand trial on February 16th for trespassing. Also arrested were two members of singing group The Raging Grannies – Nancy Wood and Ruth Zalph – along with Jim Senter, Lewis Pitts and NC WARN Director Jim Warren.

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Trespassing charges against Pitts, Warren and Rev. Carrie Bolton were dismissed earlier this month after they were arrested in October at CP&L – also seeking a meeting with CEO Cavanaugh.

The groups argue that the NRC is dangerously biased in favor of the nuclear industry – a charge exacerbated by a recent approval of the waste expansion by a high-ranking NRC official, which occurred despite an ongoing review by a separate NRC licensing board. Orange County has appealed, and Sen. John Edwards and Rep. David Price have questioned the NRC action, as have news editorial boards.

A study released last week by the NRC shows accident risks at nuclear cooling pools to be much higher than previously believed, and that the pools are more vulnerable to terrorism or sabotage than nuclear reactors. Coincidentally, CP&L's Vice-president of security was in federal court today testifying in a lawsuit related to a series of security breaches at the company's nuclear plants which allowed unauthorized workers into the plants. CP&L and the NRC say the chance of an accident is remote but refuse to openly defend that claim.

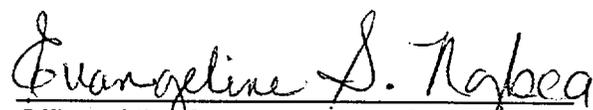
Wimbish-Vanderbeck added, "I will not sleep better just because CP&L claims there won't be an accident."

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* An in-depth analysis on the new NRC study will come soon from the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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