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Dear Chatlist folks:

I moved to Chatham County in December 1998. I am a published writer, was once the editor and publisher of Carolina Wren Press of Durham. I also helped start the N.C. Writers' Network in the 80s. I work with exchanges involving Russian writers in Durham's sister city, Kostroma, and we expect to publish late March an anthology of NC poetry in a Russian and English edition: "Earth and Soul."

My two big concerns: our earth as we enter this new century and millenium, and our souls, as we try to live together peacefully on this earth. I think our two big issues of the next 100 years are dealing with the dangerous waste we produce and learning to live in harmony on our planetary home.

I love to garden, walk in the wood (I have about 2 acres, which is why I chose Moncure--I could afford to have a little land), I write poems down by my creek, which I have named Century.

As a citizen of Chatham, I'm very concerned about CP & L's plan to double its storage of hot waste. Moncure and quite a bit of Chatham is in the 10 mile most dangerous zone. Please read this summary below. Thanks. Oh, I'm going to be 65 in 2002. But I plan to live to be 90, maybe 100, that is, if CP & L will store its waste safely! I'm happy to be on the chatlist.

Judy Hogan

CONCERNS ABOUT THE SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT 10 MILES OR LESS FROM MONCURE

1. Two years ago CP & L applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to double its storage of hot nuclear waste (it takes more than 10,000 years to become harmless) in pools at Harris.
2. N.C. Warn has led a group of citizens to insist on open hearings in which scientists could speak about the safety and the risk. So far this has not been granted. We did hold them off for two years.
3. Eleven local governments in our area voted to ask CP & L to let people have a voice in this and to have these open, scientific hearings.
4. Orange County began legal proceedings, demanding that the safety issue be examined and that full open, scientific hearings be permitted. This case is continuing, and Orange County citizens have been paying for this.
5. The Atomic Licensing Board (of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)) has still not finished ruling, but a staff person at NRC recently told CP & L they could go ahead and store the waste in their pools. The pools they have are already crowded. The spent fuel rods lie about 1-3 inches apart. If there is a significant loss of water for any reason, there could be a pool fire. Even the NRC admits this. Essentially, CP & L pushed them so hard that they yielded, even disobeying their own laws to do this. But there will be an appeal by Orange County on this ruling.

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6. When there was a meltdown of the reactor core at Chernoble in the Ukraine of Russia in 1986, the most damaging material released was Cesium 137. Already the Harris pools hold 10 times the amount that was released at Chernoble. If they succeed in doubling the storage, which is what they are getting ready to do, they will have 29 times stored there as was released at Chernoble. Everyone who lived anywhere near Chernoble is dead or dying, and there have been many children born with monster birth defects.

7. We are asking CP & L to store this terribly dangerous waste safely in dry casks at the generating reactors. It gives off radiation as it is moved, and every movement of the stuff is risky. It comes down the train track through Moncure by old #1 once a month or so now. They want to increase the shipments.

8. CP & L has spent about \$30,000,000 on ads and lawyers and public relations over the two years rather than spend the same amount on doing the safer dry cask storage and insuring much less risk for fifteen years.

9. The last time the Chatham County Commissioners had a chance to vote on this, back in 1998 or 1999, only two out of five voted for democratic process and open hearings, and those two were Margaret Pollard and Gary Phillips. We've had an election, and now we think Bob Atwater will vote this way, too. They are considering a new resolution, and it is expected to come up in their public session on Monday, February 19, at 7 PM in the Courthouse Annex in Pittsboro.

10. We citizens of Moncure and this part of the county need to let the Commissioners know that this worries us, that we want that nuclear waste stored safely and not brought down our train track. The Commissioners will be more likely to vote the way we'd like them to, if many citizens come to that meeting on Feb. 19.

11. A lot of people have been working on this a long time, but since CP & L used their power and their money to push the federal government into letting them do what they wanted to do, we citizens need to stand up for ourselves. No one blames the employees at CP & L. It's the corporate board and their CEO, William Cavanaugh that are persisting in doing this dangerous thing. One of the scientists said in December that if there were a pool fire, which is a possibility, that it would destroy an area as large as North Carolina and make it unfit for human life for 100 years. None of us have homeowner's insurance that would cover our losses.

12. Also let your Congress people know how you feel. They want to help.
Senator John Edwards-856-4245 (Raleigh office)
Representative David Price-967-7924 (Chapel Hill office)

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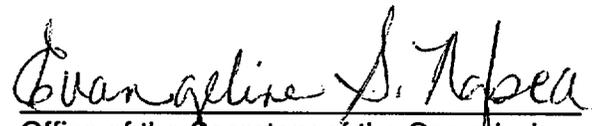
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