



THE TOWN OF

Holly Springs

September 1, 1998

E. Norris Tolson, Secretary
NC Dept. of Transportation
P.O. Box 25201
Raleigh, NC 27611-5201

Re: Emergency Evacuation Plan for Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant

Dear Secretary Tolson:

As mayor of my community, I am gravely concerned about our ability to evacuate citizens of this area in the event of an emergency at Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. The rapid growth in this area, coupled with the lack of new road construction, has produced a very dangerous situation. I ask you to consider the following:

1. In the past 15 years, the population of southern Wake County has multiplied by 1,000 (one thousand) percent.
2. Despite this huge increase in population, there has been no new road construction and few improvements that would provide any more escape routes than what was present when the plant was licensed.
3. The potential for an emergency event at Shearon Harris will be heightened with the proposed storage of hundreds of additional spent fuel rods at the Shearon Harris location.

Apparently, it will be 20 years before the 540 Loop is completed. From what I can determine, no new projects for this area are included in the Transportation Improvement Plan for the next seven years. Applying the usual TIP timetable, I estimate that it would be at least 20 years before any new roads in this area are added to the TIP, funded and then completed.

I summarize, I am thoroughly convinced that we are facing a disaster, should there be an evacuation event at Shearon Harris.

I respectfully request that you evaluate this situation and consider any possibilities that would alleviate this critical and potentially catastrophic situation. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 919-557-3901, and thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Holleman
Mayor

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