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**Subject:** we oppose weapons grade plutonium use for McGuire and Catawba plants

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Hi Tim,

We live in Charlotte, and as you know Charlotte is close to both the McGuire and the Catawba plants. We are very concerned about the safety of these plants and feel very strongly that it would not be wise to compromise public safety by allowing Duke to use surplus weapons plutonium as fuel. These specific plants are too close to high population densities. The thought of weapons grade plutonium at these plants - or on some highway being transported to these plants - is just plain scary. We don't live in a perfect world. Accidents happen. Terrorism happens. These plants were never approved with this idea in mind, and it should stay this way.

Thank you,  
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