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Dear Mr. Lesar:

Re: NRC's "Environmental Assessment and finding of No Significant Impact" relative to the University of Missouri University Research Reactor (MURR) at Columbia Missouri.

I am opposed to the license extension for above referenced Missouri University Research Reactor and request a full Environmental Impact Statement to include assessment of the following: ① the use of "high-enriched uranium" fuel ② waste removal, replacement and storage; ③ safety and cost concerns (which are prompting closings of research reactors at other Universities); ④ reduced number of available qualified operators and concerns of and about personnel problems over the years at MURR; ⑤ the age of this facility ⑥ graphite surrounding the beryllium shield which encompasses the reactor's fuel core; ⑦ serious safety concerns about transporting the waste, and ⑧ concerns about up-to-date evacuation plans including proper training of all personnel and adequate hospital space availability.

I apologize for writing this instead of typing, however, due to a "glitch" in my computer system today I am using this method. This does lead me to any number of questions about the reliability of the computer technology at MURR again relative to safe operations. In the 1960's I attended Mizzou in Columbia, graduating in 1969. That's when I first became aware that a Nuclear Reactor was situated in close proximity to the campus and likewise the general community. I wondered then and continue to wonder why this Reactor is kept in operation so close to a thriving growing urban area. Personally I believe that given the development in and around Columbia, and the MURR, it is way past the time to retire this Reactor, and in its retirement use the available funds which result to build safe alternatives such as solar powered installations. Please take a safety first approach in your deliberations for our communities, lands, waterways and wildlife in the area. Please use our tax dollars for this purpose. And please include my comments in public record for the health and well-being of us all. Sincerely,

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