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Dear NRC Secretary:

This is public comment on proposed changes to federal regulations over licensing hearings. The rule in question is CFR, Chapter 10, Part II, Subpart G. The proposal calls for Subpart G to be replaced with subpart L.

This is outrageous! How dare you even suggest a thing? The Bush administration and its' business cronies in the nuclear reactor business want to shove these new nuclear plants down our throats, and we can't even participate in the licensing hearings? What you are proposing is a violation of the Constitution of the United States. Can I be any clearer? The NRC has absolutely no right to issue a nuclear plant license without a formal, public hearing.

These nuclear power plant operators want to run dangerous private operations, and they want to run these in this country without proper liability insurance. I mean, private liability insurance; they will have public liability insurance, of course. So the citizens of the U.S. will insure these companies' reactors for liability, yet we won't have any say into where and when they are built? That is preposterous. That is called taxation without representation. If a nuclear accident occurs at one of these plants, it is the children of the general public that will die and become sterile, or have their genes permanently damaged. And that is saying nothing about possible terrorist raids on these proposed power plants. Yes, we know that every nuclear power plant produces plutonium, the valuable material used to make nuclear bomb triggers.

If the NRC issues a license for a nuclear plant, the new plant will produce tons of very radioactive and long-lived isotopes that will be shipped to Nevada or Utah for storage. Every community along the freeway will be endangered by cross-country nuclear waste shipments. Many communities will never be prepared to deal with a nuclear spill. So the NRC is also planning to consider the citizen input of all those communities as basically worthless, as well.

There may have been a change in the executive branch of the federal government this year, but nothing has changed in regards to nuclear power. It is dangerous, it is a rip-off of the taxpayers' money, and any public official who thinks that the public does not have the right to determine whether we will be exposed to teratogenic, mutagenic, and generally deadly gamma, alpha, and beta radiations, needs to come out of the office and see that this is STILL the United States of America.


-Jack Byrom