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### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Secretary to the Commission
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C. 20555
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

USNRC

Docket Nos.50-390

January 22, 2002 (10:42AM)

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In the Matter of
Tennessee Valley Authority
License Amendment request for production of
weapons grade tritium
Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant
Spring City, Tennessee

OFFICE OF SECRETARY RULEMAKINGS AND ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

#### Members of the Commission:

The Federal Register on December 17, 2001, (Vol. 66, No 242) noticed the above captioned opportunity for the public to submit comments, opportunity for hearing and a petition for intervention in the proceedings related to the intention of the Tennessee Valley Authority to produce weapons grade tritium at it Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant.

The purpose of this letter is a request for a Public Hearing and a Petition for Leave to Intervene on the behalf of We The People, Inc., Tennessee regarding the Tennessee Valley Authority: Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for a Hearing.

I am a property owner at Ten Mile, Tennessee, well within the evacuation area of Watts Bar Nuclear Power Production Plant, specifically 8 miles. I reside at 341 Swing Loop Road, Rockwood, Tennessee 37854. My official residence is within 17 miles of the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant and I believe that permitting TVA to produce weapons grade tritium at this plant will jeopardize my health, life and properties.

The increased likelihood of an accident due to the production of weapons grade tritium at WBN would irrevocably change the value of my property at the Ten Mile location and also would make my residence at Rockwood uninhabitable since both are downwind from Watts Bar Nuclear Power Production Plant.

My health could not withstand an accident at Watts Bar since I have recently developed breathing problems. The production of tritium in a commercial nuclear power production reactor provides too many opportunities for terrorists attacks and further jeopardizes my life and those in the surrounding communities. The environmental damage in the case of an accident due to the manufacturing of tritium would destroy an already damaged ecosystem forbidding any use of the water in the Tennessee River.

Acting on the behalf of, and in the capacity of Director, We The People, Inc., Tennessee I respectively request from the Commission a public hearing and petition for leave to intervene against this amendment license request from TVA.

Ann Pickel Harris, Director

We The People, Inc 341 Swing Loop Road Rockwood, TN 37854

Phone contact: (865) 354-4559

Enclosures: 1. Declaration of Service on

a. Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

b. Office of General Counsel, Tennessee Valley Authority

2. We The People, Inc. authority for Ann Pickel Harris

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#### **DECLARATION**

I am the duly appointed Director of We The People, Inc. Tennessee, and a member in good standing. We The People, Inc. directs me to conduct this intervention on its behalf. Authority was granted to me for the purpose of obtaining the assistance of whatever experts I deem appropriate by the Executive Director, Stephen Comley on October 4, 2001.

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This statement is made under penalty of perjury.

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Declaration of Service:

In the Matter of:

Tennessee Valley Authority: Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for Hearing. Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328 and 50-390.

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Soddy Daisy, Tennessee and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Spring City, Tennessee

By Federal Express Overnight Delivery:

The following service of documents pertaining to these matters was sent on January 16, 2002 to the following, under penalty of perjury:

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2. Office of General Counsel, ET 11A

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I have been requested by certain residents of the area surrounding the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (SQN) to represent their interests in regards to safety and public health in the production of tritium through Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) nuclear commercial power reactor through a public hearing and intervention.

In this capacity, I am entering a Petition for Leave for Intervention for We The People, Inc., Tennessee office, Ann Pickel Harris, Director. We The People, Inc. Tennessee is a not-for-profit organization supporting employees and citizens during contact with the nuclear industry. We support the safe operation and management of nuclear facilities. We seek legal and safe resolution to safety issues that affect the public health and safety. Our Tennessee office membership comes from all across the southeastern United States and locally in communities surrounding SQN.

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#### DECLARATION OF PHIL CARROLL

Comes now Phil Carroll, who declares under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am a member of We The People, Inc. Tennessee.
- 2. I authorize and request We The People, Inc. Tennessee, to represent me and my interests in the above proceedings concerning the Tennessee Valley Authority's request for license amendment to produce weapons grade tritium at the Sequeyah Nuclear Plant.
- 3. Tritium is a vital component of nuclear hydrogen weapons. The United States possesses many times the number of nuclear hydrogen weapons required to defend itself and, through treaties with Russia, is in the process of reducing the number of nuclear hydrogen weapons in its arsenal. The tritium made available through past treaties is sufficient to maintain the United States arsenal at a level far beyond what is required to defend the United States for at least 20 years into the future. Treaties currently under negotiation and future treaties will likely extend the tritium supply far into the future.
- 4. I am a U.S. taxpayer. The proposal to manufacture tritium at the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant would be financed by taxpayers. The manufacture of tritium is unnecessary and tax funds should be conserved for vital defenses for our country, not wasted on risky tritium manufacture at a commercial nuclear facility.
- 5. I reside at 1301 Ft. Stephenson Oval, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, My residence is located approximately 12 miles from the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant. I believe that my life, health and property will be jeopardized if Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant is permitted to manufacture quantities of tritium for the U.S. nuclear weapons program.

6. I have requested We The People, Inc. Tennesses to intervene on my behalf because I am concerned that I, and/or my family, will be injured by a tritium release in the event of a serious accident at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. If TVA is allowed to produce tritium at Sequoyah there is an increased risk to my health, to the quality of my water supply, and to the habitability and property values of my home.

Phil Carrol

Date

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