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Michael Lesar  
Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch  
Division of Administration Services  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Comments of the North American Water Office regarding  
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Notice Published as 67 Federal Register 61932-61933

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

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The brazen arrogance of LES is evident not only in its presumption of dictatorial control over NRC licensing proceedings. This arrogance is also manifest by its treatment of the community chosen to host its facility. As a matter of public record, Jim Lech, employed by the State of Tennessee in the Economic and Community Development Department and on assignment for the Trousdale County project, resigned on or about November 5, 2002 because LES was not providing local officials with adequate information.

Many people, all across this nation, are paying attention to this unconscionable, despicable, and utterly unacceptable corporate lust for dominion. This is a terrifying breakdown of law and order in the making. Cast us all into that world of chaos and abuse at your own peril.

Most Sincerely,

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