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Dear Mr. Harris,

I am a citizen of Savannah and very concerned about the shipment of weapons-grade plutonium to the Savannah River Site. It is my understanding that this nuclear site already has a long history of poor compliance w/ previous regulations concerning proper containment of hazardous materials. Now the NRC is considering expanding this facility??????

I am concerned for the safety and health of all the individuals in this area. These safety issues have not been given the attention and study they deserve. I do not feel your organization has given us conclusive evidence that this site is "safe" for the community that lives around its' borders currently, much less that the people will be safe when this facility is expanded. Where are the health records of the surrounding communities now, before this expansion?

Throughout the country, individuals are concerned about a terrorist assault. How will this site be protected from a terrorist threat after the expansion when it is already highly vulnerable to this type of an assault?

Another major concern is the effects of these materials into our ecosystem. Nuclear waste is already seeping under the Savannah river and likely soon into our water system. Our precious marshes are dying. This is where 90% of the fish in the sea originate. Do you not realize that destroying a highly sensitive ecosystem like this will have profound effects on the entire world? Does this not justify a little further reasearch?

There are too many unanswered questions. When I have written previous letters, my concerns were not addressed nor even responded to. Please consider our concern for our community and our environment. Destroying coastal GA may mean little to the majority of the country, but our marshes alone should warrant further study before proceeding w/ this expansion.

Thank you for you time,
Adrienne Valentino

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