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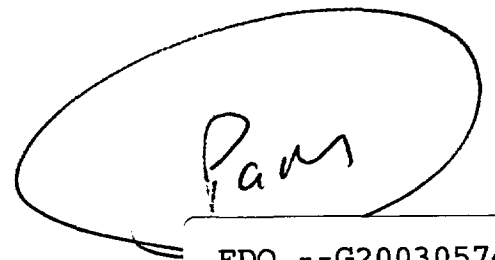
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Dr. Niles J. Diaz  
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

I have received questions and concerns from some of my constituents regarding the proposed irradiation facility in Milford Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Your office has recently announced its approval of the licensing application filed by CFC Logistics / Gray\*Star, Inc.

Some of my constituents remain concerned about public health and safety issues. During the past several months, I have been listening carefully to the comments that have been expressed through the media, in public forums, and through direct communication with my office. I have also reviewed information provided by the NRC and representatives of CFC Logistics.

Generally, questions and concerns about the proposed irradiator in Milford Township appear to fall into the following categories:

- **Continuing Oversight** - Some residents have questioned how the NRC will monitor the facility, and how the community can be assured that no harmful radioactivity will be released into the surrounding environment. One idea that has been suggested by several Milford residents is to test the nearby ground water tables on a regular basis. Please clarify the role of the NRC to monitor the safety and security of the proposed irradiator.
- **Enforcement Powers** - Residents have also questioned the extent of the NRC's ongoing authority and responsibility to monitor the facility, and its willingness to exercise that authority, should any problems arise with the site.
- **Security from Natural Disasters** - During the past two months, an airplane crash and a minor earthquake have occurred within the proximity of the proposed irradiator. These incidents serve as a reminder of the potential threat that may be posed by natural disasters. What kind of analysis, if any, has been done in this regard?
- **Security from Terrorism** - While it is reasonable to expect that certain information about security safeguards cannot be divulged to the general public,

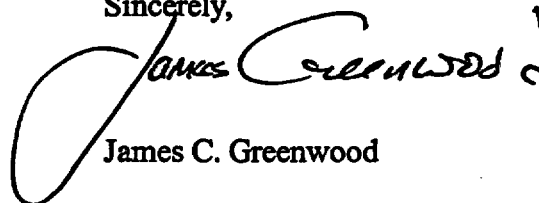
legitimate questions have been raised regarding the apparent lack of common-sense safeguards, such as a requirement for some form of background checks on employees.

- **Public Participation** – Some citizens have requested greater participation in the licensing process by the general public. A number of them have also suggested that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be produced. Please clarify what further steps might be pursued with regard to public participation and environmental analysis.
- **Risk Assessment** - What is the history of irradiation technology? The Gray\*Star, Inc. designer has stated that the Milford site is a unique model. If this is a prototype, what methodologies has the NRC utilized to determine that the facility poses little or no danger from such events as a radiation leak, or any other malfunction that could endanger the health of the public and the environment?
- **Contingency Plans** - In the event that a leak did occur, what provisions and contingency plans, if any, are required with regard to public notification? In addition, what kinds of events might warrant evacuation of nearby residents, and what level of exposure would require medical treatment? What role does the NRC have in the creation of those procedures?

What is most important here is that my constituents know and understand the degree to which an incident or accident at such a facility poses a potential environmental or health hazard. I believe that the best method to provide the necessary facts is for your agency to provide a thorough and thoughtful written response that is grounded in science and fully addresses the technology, management, operational safety, and security of irradiation facilities.

Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Greenwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James C. Greenwood