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Honorable Nils J Diaz
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D. C. 20555

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Dear Chairman Diaz,

Nuclear energy, compared with other energy technologies, is too costly.

The nuclear industry has to use federal loan guarantees in order to begin the construction of either new reactors or to restart one which has been idle at Brown's Ferry in Alabama. In order to pay for that, it is asking for almost 2 billion dollars. Where do we find 2 billion to build an old, brittle nuclear plant? The U. S. Senate agreed to give the industry 2 billion in loans because you do not have it, and we, the taxpayers have to pay for it.

Simultaneously, we, the taxpayers, are stuck with paying for your insurance liability! We are deeply in debt as a country. The Price Anderson Act was passed before the tax cuts. Now that we have given tax cuts, and sent money to Iraq, the U. S government has no money for loans.

You are building new terrorists' targets!

You are adding more deadly, radioactive waste piles to an unresolved problem,

To spend billions on new nuclear plants uses money we could be spending on renewable energies.

You are creating more uranium mining which adds environmental contamination.

Please do not build new nuclear reactors! Safety comes first.

"One must seriously question the viability of the nuclear industry that needs someone else to pay for both its stakes and mistakes." Catalyst Magazine, 2004, Union of Concerned Scientists

We cannot absorb the costs of building nor the damages which can occur with terrorists.

Sincerely,

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