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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant
Athens, AL, Meeting on EIS

My name is Ann Harris. I represent the State of Franklin Group of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club

I am here today because I find that the NRC staff does not have a low that they will stop at to bend over for the nuclear industry. In this place several months ago, Chip, you and the region II boys, Rockville staffers all went to great lengths to assure me that if the NRC knew that the untried fuel process from the Erwin, TN plant of Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) using France's Framatome process, the NRC would make that a part of the EIS. You quickly stated that I need not worry. Well boys, I am worried.

I cannot determine if the NRC staff is the world's largest group of paid snake oil salesmen of just totally incompetent. Maybe you cannot read or understand the English language. Maybe you don't know how to spell Framatome, maybe NFS? How about if I give you more clues?

In a letter dated August 27, 2003, addressed to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, (at the NRC), Framatome began the letter and wrote (quote):

"As discussed with Mr. Peter Lee of the Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch and various other NRC staff members during a meeting with FANP representatives at your headquarters on July 21, 2003, FANP is planning facility modifications at its Richland, Washington facility to support the processing of Blended Low Enriched Uranium (BLEU) UO₂ powder for use in the fabrication of TVA's BWR fuel bundles." (End quote).

The letter is signed by D.W. Parker, Manager, Environmental Health, Safety and Licensing. It is on Framatome letterhead. How can you ignore this information in this EIS?

So there is no mistake and you will know, TVA has only one nuclear boiling water reactor site. Browns Ferry!

That is the same site referred to in the letter referenced above. And I find it remarkable that you still don't want to save the rate payers the cost of another hearing and put the analysis in the EIS. I know that TVA has plenty of money, and you boys are not concerned about money since your salaries will be paid regardless of whatever remarkably bad decision you produce.

Also I did notice that you forgot to get the language correct in the transcript copy I received by mail concerning the NFS and Framatome fuel issue. I have a copy here so you will know where to look. This copy came out of your document room in Rockville and was retrieved down here, in TN, by computer, late one night when I had nothing to do.

And I did pay particular attention to the so called "official record" of the last meeting we had down here. Where you erased the part about how you would address the fuel issue that I questions you on to determine if you had the knowledge. Boys, it is time that you found new dictionaries and begin to read. I have recently taught adults at the junior college level and I cannot imagine having one of your written decisions given to me to grade. Let me tell you, you have failed my classes, since I have put forth a decision for class work on how not to do research and what failures you are on ethics, language and your responsibilities as government employees.

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