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Dear Sir:

I look forward to the public forum on August 24th concerning Combustion Engineering. It is important that all relevant facts concerning potential health and environmental impacts of the Combustion Engineering plant expansion and operation be brought to light.

Because of the many concerns expressed by area residents, I have prepared a series of questions which should be addressed and adequately answered at this hearing.

I am providing to you a copy of these questions beforehand so that you may have sufficient time to prepare answers.

The questions and concerns are as follows:

1. Why is Combustion Engineering requesting permission to handle fuel which contains a higher percentage of uranium than previously processed at Hematite?
2. The total discharged pollutants into river and air have decreased by a substantial percentage in the last decade. In view of this fact why is Combustion Engineering requesting permission to increase air emissions and water effluents?
3. Has the state of Missouri given its OK for any increased emissions?
4. What plans have been prepared to reduce emissions?
5. Has the state or a national agency requested such a plan?

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6. Will there be increased output of radiation, and if so, what are the potential impacts on health and environment?

7. What will be the effect of approval of the application upon water quality?

8. Will there be any change in transportation patterns of product or waste?

9. Will the volume of waste produced at the plant increase? If so, how much?

10. Where will this waste be taken for disposal?

11. Will the facility have storage capacity sufficient to store waste if it is unable to use its usual disposal site? Will more waste be stored and, if so, how much?

12. Will more product be on site? If so, is there a danger of increased accidents with the changed and increased capacity?

13. Is an accident more likely to be more serious with the proposed changes?

14. How will emergency procedures be revised?

15. Will the modifications require changes in local emergency response capability?

Also, it is my understanding that large amounts of waste are stored on site. If this is correct, please answer the following:

A. How is this waste stored?

B. What type of waste is stored?

C. Do you consider this a temporary or permanent solution?

D. Are there plans to make a different permanent disposal of this waste?

E. Is there a clear record, duplicable for state inspection of what and where these wastes are buried?

I look forward to getting the answers to these essential questions at the hearing on August 24th.

Sincerely,



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