

January 18, 1994

Chairman Ivan Selin
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C., 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman

The general public has been systematically excluded from participation in the so-called public meetings at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. NO PARTICIPATION by the public has been permitted, only "observation". We cannot ask questions, add information, get clarification, etc. Region II in Atlanta tells us that these are the "directions from headquarters".

We were promised "openness" from the NRC and we would like the opportunity to have in-put during these so-called public meetings.

I am therefore requesting your help in opening these meetings so that the "openness" that you have referred to can become reality.

The "openness" is badly needed due to Watts Bar Nuclear Plant's record as the oldest nuclear power construction site in America (22 years and \$9.5 BILLION).

I would petition you to permit a public representative at the table during the meeting or before the meeting is adjourned permit questions to the NRC and the TVA. Your upcoming visit at the TVA this week would be the ideal place to institute the new "openness" practice.

Thank you for your help and time. You may contact me at the address and FAX number listed below. May I have a response?

Sincerely,



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