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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my deep reservations about the potential opening of the TVA's Watts Bar Unit 1 reactor. First and most importantly, the plant appears to me to be completely unsafe. The quality of the construction and materials from the very beginning was of inferior quality, and despite what the TVA would have us believe, quality CAN NOT be engineered in after the fact. The Watts Bar plant has had so many whistle blower complaints in its 20+ years of construction that it seems completely insane to me that either TVA officials or anyone at the NRC could possibly face the public and say that the plant is "safe" for operation. If the very people who work there do not have faith in the plant, why does the TVA continue to try and force this accident waiting to happen down the throats of the valley ratepayers? And this point brings another closely related safety aspect to mind; namely, the NRC's current policy of giving the TVA the names of whistle blowers is a blatantly cooperative action designed to suppress any further complaints from workers. It creates an atmosphere of fear in which workers do not report problems for fear of TVA retribution. So who knows how many additional complaints have gone unreported?

Secondly, as I understand it, the Watts Bar plant is located on a fault line which is due for a major earthquake (5+ on the Richter Scale) at some time within the next one hundred years. The destructive capability of such a quake alone is enough for concern, but in combination with the poor construction at Watts Bar, the potential for a major disaster is undeniable.

Finally, the Watts Bar facility would threaten already endangered species of fresh water mussels. The TVA would like to downplay this fact and pretend that the plant would have no effect on aquatic life downstream. I do not want to take that chance.

In close, I firmly believe that Watts Bar is unsafe and would threaten both human and non-human life if allowed to come on line. Please keep this preventable tragedy from happening.

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HOW ARE FUNGAL PROBLEMS TREATED?

Depending on the type of infection you have, various kinds of medication may be used in treating your fungal problem. Successful treatment usually involves a combination of medication and self-care.



Athlete's Foot

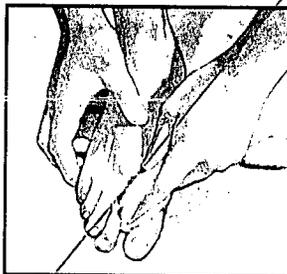
If your condition is not serious, over-the-counter and prescription powders, lotions, or ointments can often help treat scaling, itching, and inflammation. Foot soaks may help dry excessive perspiration, but talk with your podiatrist first. If your athlete's foot doesn't improve, your podiatrist may prescribe stronger medication.

Fungal Nails

Since fungal nails are usually more resistant and more difficult to treat than athlete's foot, topical or oral antifungal medications may be prescribed. Permanent nail removal is another possible form of treatment for fungal nails.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT FUNGAL PROBLEMS?

Your daily habits play a big part in helping to prevent fungal problems. Follow the suggestions below, and see your podiatrist if you have more problems.



Dry Carefully

Always dry your feet thoroughly after you bathe or shower. Be sure to dry between your toes. Foot powders can also help absorb moisture.

Alternate Shoes

To help avoid fungus-causing perspiration, alternate the shoes you wear so they have at least a day to dry out. Also, try to wear shoes made of breathable materials like leather or canvas.

Change Socks

Wear natural-fiber socks and change them often, especially if you play sports.

Beware of Bare Feet

Wear sandals or thongs in public areas such as pools, showers, or locker rooms.

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