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Dear sir or madam,

This is a comment on the current Environmental Impact Statement and draft supplement of the Watts Bar Nuclear Facility.

It is incredible and callously irresponsible that this licensing procedure is being considered for approval. The health impact of nuclear power facilities for surrounding communities wherever these have operated has proven without exception to dramatically and highly significantly (statistically) increase the incidence of fatal and terminal cancer among humans in the vicinities of the plants, with cancer incidence directly proportional both to proximity and to years of operation. It is high time the State of Tennessee joined the prudent and responsible states of the rest of the union in protecting the health of its people, but if the State will not act then it is the responsibility of United States government, especially the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to protect the people from massive needless suffering. It has also been already established and proven that dangerous and murderous nuclear power is not necessary to meet the people's power needs.

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The health and well-being of the people should sufficiently stand alone to preclude the consideration of further jeopardy, but even beyond

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the callous slow murder of countless millions of humans by the nuclear power systems stands the history and continued nose-thumbing affront to the creation and to its Creator which is currently embodied in the irreverent disregard for endangered species which would be lost forever, until Kingdom Come, here in this region if this facility under consideration is allowed to operate. All species hereabouts and the Tennessee River itself are threatened in terms of health and safety by the Watts Bar facility. To further aggravate the callousness and absurdity evident in considering the operation, the E.I.R. and its supplement were written in 1972 and 1978-- almost twenty (20) years since even nominal assessment has been carried out. The human life and the environment would appear to not merit very careful consideration, as though too much work to bother with. But the consequences of our abuse and destruction shall surely balance out the convenience afforded by such sloth.

Today I called your office and was told that although you do not accept telephone comments, that this comment will be accepted if mailed out today. Therefore it is my expectation if your office possesses any integrity or decency, that I shall find this comment included.

Thank you for any conscientious regard and consideration for our lives in this region and for what remains of the Creator's awesome living work.

Sincerely,

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