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DEAR CHIEF:

I HEARD THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS UNTIL FEBRUARY 14, 1995 REGARDING THE WATTS BAR, TN PLANT. THAT IS WHY I AM WRITING.

I USED TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR POWER. I DON'T NOW. I FEEL THAT WATTS BAR UNIT #1, IF PERMITTED, WOULD EXTEND THE PERIOD THROUGH WHICH THE PRESENT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR PLANT DESIGNS WOULD EXIST TO BE A TARGET FOR CITIZENS TO VENT THEIR ANGER ABOUT. WE NEED TO GET BEYOND THIS PERIOD. WITH WATTS BAR #1'S TRACK RECORD, AMONG THE POOREST SO FAR, I FEEL THAT IT WOULD POSE A RELATIVELY HIGH RISK OF MAXIMIZING THE LENGTH OF TIME DURING WHICH CITIZENS WOULD WANT TO BEAT UP ON NRC, TO TRY TO END ALL INVOLVEMENT WITH ANY TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO PRESENT NUCLEAR PLANTS.

IF NRC WANTS TO CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE ENERGY DEBATE, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT NRC TRY TO DEVELOP AN ENERGY PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE

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THAT IS SUPERIOR TO EXISTING GAS TURBINE/SOLAR/WIND/OCEAN TECHNOLOGIES. NUCLEAR POWER ONLY EXISTED TO BEGIN WITH BECAUSE AN ALTERNATIVE TO COAL WAS DESIRED.

INFERIOR ASPECTS OF PRESENT NUCLEAR POWER INCLUDE 1) LAND WASTAGE DUE TO THE DECOMISSIONED PLANTS HAVING LONG LIVES, 2) LARGE MINING WASTE TONNAGE, 3) WASTE DISPOSAL PROBLEMS, 4) THREAT OF TERRORISTS DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE FUEL AND WASTE, AND 5) HIGH COST RELATIVE TO AS YET ~~[illegible]~~ UNIMPLEMENTED CONSERVATION-ORIENTED STRATEGIES.

UNTIL UTILITIES LIKE TVA BEGIN ACHEIVING CONSUMPTION REDUCTION, I WILL OPPOSE NEW GENERATING CAPACITY.

SINCERELY,

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