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I am writing to oppose the building of new nuclear power plants especially the one planned for the Lee site in South Carolina. Besides the reasons of incredible expense, the lack of plans for safe storage, and leaving a contaminated plant for which we got maybe 25 years of service to our future generations for thousands of years, I would like to stress the more commonsensical arguments against such an unsafe, expensive and environmentally unsound method of producing energy.
First of all, why don't we emphasize our country going on an energy diet? Just as obesity is a major problem in this country due to incredible sloppy eating habits, so too environmental degradation has become a major problem due to our incredibly wasteful energy usage habits. Before we consider new sources of megawatts, we should consider cultivating negawatts. Amory Lovins of the Rocky Mountain Institute coined this phrase to describe the phenomenon that occurred in the late 70's and early 80's of reduced energy usage brought on by the effects of the Yom Kippur War in '73 and the subsequent rise of a feisty OPEC. We need to first of all clean up all the slop in the system before we search for new energy sources of any kind but especially those that are basically unsafe and expensive. If you have a well and a leaky bucket, the first logical response is not to first dig a new well but it is rather to fix the bucket.

Sincerely,

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