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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Atten: John T. Buckley

Re: Nuclear Ship Savannah  
Docket No. 50-238; NRC – 2009 – 0019

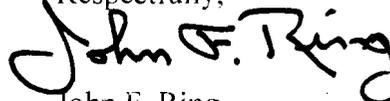
Dear Mr. Buckley,

In respects to comments requested for your PSDAR as noted in the Federal Register Vol. 74, No. 17 dated January 28, 2009, I would strongly recommend that this historical vessel be donated to the American Merchant Marine Museum ( “ AMMM “ ) located at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

I would further recommend that the vessel be permanently moored along side the Academy’s waterfront in similar fashion that the P/V Queen Mary is moored in Long Beach

In this way, the artifacts presently in the AMMM could be transferred to and displayed on board the N/V Savannah in “ Bristol Fashion “

Respectfully,



John F. Ring

cc: Captain Charles Renick USMS - AMMM

## John Buckley

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**From:** mmoan3 [mmoan3@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2009 7:55 PM  
**To:** John Buckley  
**Subject:** Docket NO. 50-238; NRC-2009-0019

**RE: Nuclear Ship Savannah; Public Meeting on Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) March 11, 2009.**

**Attention:** Mr. John T. Buckley

Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection,  
Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission

Dear Mr. Buckley:

I have read the Characterization Survey, the Draft Environmental Assessment, Section 106/110, 4(f), the PSDAR and twice visited NS Savannah, once in 1965 and in 2008. It is my humble conclusion that the NRC, by working with MARAD the Executive Branch and US Congress can bequeath a fantastic technological inheritance to current and future generations and at a *much reduced cost*. I think that Appendix C "Alternatives for Discussion" contains a preferable and *feasible* action for discharging the possession only license NS 1. Specifically, an approach under C.1., 2. or C.3. with the C.4. Option;

- **Retain the RPV and internals: grout the interior to provide biological shielding and to stabilize loose components inside the RPV.**

It is important to recognize that even though NS Savannah has so much to offer our citizens through its history, naval architectural beauty and service to the US and the world, when a visitor goes aboard her and learns what powered her, it would be the high point of the tour to see the nuclear power plant up close! This can be done safely given the very low level and limited exposure to radioactivity. It should and can be done with proper public information that a layman can comprehend. This action I agree and believe supports the "final objective, or prerequisite, to a preservation approach for the Savannah is to define the scope of public visitation within the preserved portions of the nuclear power plant." *There is nothing like seeing the real thing!* How many nuclear reactors, naval or other wise do people get to see? It would be of great educational value combined with the rest of what the ship, her crew and her historical service experience has to tell us.

The NRC working with MARAD, the Executive and Legislative branches of our government could come up with any required legislation that might be necessary. This great American ship is I believe is on par with other great American vessels (USS Constitution, USS Monitor, SS Independence, SS United States, USNS Nautilus, and even the Apollo 8 spacecraft) and deserves our attention and extra effort.

The NS Savannah is our American maritime inheritance. She speaks to us across the decades of a time when we as a nation *demonstrated* that we are explorers, technological innovators and used such prowess for the good of all mankind. She deserves to be saved and sent forward intact and *complete* from stem to stern and keel to masthead; to us and future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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