
From: Jeri Fry [jerifry@socolo.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 8:53 PM
To: Stephen Cohen
Subject: Comment on pre-licensing construction authorization

Dear Stephen Cohen,

My name is Jeri Fry. I just learned today of this comment period and am only now able to comment because I have a day job.

I am also one of the founding Directors of Colorado Citizens Against ToxicWaste and as such have been watching our local neighbor Cotter Corporation. My history with Cotter extends back to my childhood and before they were owned by General Atomics. My father, Lynn Boughton, was the Chief Chemist there and was the 'whistle blower' who reported that Cotter was allowing contamination to go off-site.

I am very opposed to the idea of allowing pre-licensing construction in this industry. The potential for harm does not need to be written into the regulatory process. For decades I have seen Cotter act first and ask forgiveness later. Specific incidences are numerous and of record. This behavior has meant enormous damage to my community and has contributed to the fact that we are an active superfund site. Cotter sits in the middle of this superfund site and is now asking to rebuild and go into production.

If pre-licensing construction is authorized there is a very real danger that Cotter's typical careless behavior will become legally authorized. Rebuilding is what Cotter wants to do in order to return to full production. Pre-licensing construction authorization would clearly open the door to institutionalize recklessness not just at Cotter but at other sites being proposed all over the nation. The uranium industry is no place to be reckless. The consequences are forever and irreversible. Just because we can do something does not mean we should.

Personally, I would like to see the industry come to the NRC and ask if they could please please be allowed to do pre-licensing clean up at the site. Wouldn't that be a switch! I don't mean to be flippant. The idea of the industry being able to ask NRC to dispense with a rule that I find protective of me and my community demands my comment.

Please accept my comment and carry my opposition to pre-licensing construction authorization in a way only you can. We need protective laws and regulations in this industry that can potentially do so much damage. Maybe there is a way for this industry to do better; I dare them to find it and prove they can.

Sincerely,
Jeri L Fry
Canon City, Colorado


Received: from mail2.nrc.gov (148.184.176.43) by TWMS01.nrc.gov
(148.184.200.145) with Microsoft SMTP Server id 8.1.358.0; Fri, 15 May 2009
20:53:02 -0400
X-Ironport-ID: mail2
X-SBRS: -0.1
X-MID: 2577925
X-IronPort-Anti-Spam-Filtered: true
X-IronPort-Anti-Spam-Result:
AqUBAJGrDUrYo3glY2dsb2JhbACClY+HcYFOBoJSiF0XCQYGBxEEqFUJj3yCTYE0BQ
X-IronPort-AV: E=Sophos;i="4.41,202,1241409600";
d="scan'208,217";a="2577925"
Received: from director.trueband.net (HELO trueband.net) ([216.163.120.8]) by
mail2.nrc.gov with SMTP; 15 May 2009 20:53:02 -0400
Received: (qmail 23548 invoked by uid 1006); 16 May 2009 00:52:59 -0000
Received: from jerifry@socolo.net by rs0 by uid 1003 with qmail-scanner-1.16
(spamassassin: 3.2.5. Clear:SA:0(7.9/100.0):. Processed in 0.258205 secs);
16 May 2009 00:52:59 -0000
X-Spam-Status: No, hits=7.9 required=100.0
X-Spam-Level: *****
Received: from unknown (HELO trueband.net) (172.16.0.19) by -v with SMTP; 16
May 2009 00:52:59 -0000
Received: (qmail 12600 invoked from network); 16 May 2009 00:52:58 -0000
Received: from unknown (HELO JERI) (jerifry@75.163.248.242) by -v with SMTP;
16 May 2009 00:52:58 -0000
Message-ID: <C50D6389EC0B48548B47913D6BE79B5F@JERI>
Reply-To: "Jeri Fry" <jerifry@socolo.net>
From: Jeri Fry <jerifry@socolo.net>
To: <stephen.cohen@nrc.gov>
Subject: Comment on pre-licensing construction authorization
Date: Fri, 15 May 2009 18:52:49 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----_NextPart_000_0079_01C9D58E.580A9290"
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.5512
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2900.5579
Return-Path: jerifry@socolo.net