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HAROLD LEVANDER
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June 13, 1969

Mr. Glenn Seaborg, Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Seaborg:

I find your letter of June 2nd disappointing, both personally and to the people of Minnesota.

I had hoped that the Atomic Energy Commission would commend rather than oppose the efforts of the State of Minnesota to provide greater protection and safety for our people.

It is perhaps difficult to understand the value of Minnesota's natural resources unless one lives in their midst. But I can assure you that Minnesota citizens take great pride in the crystal clear waters and clean air which characterize our state.

For this reason, we will not be content to follow a minimal standard for pollution control. We have, and most likely will in the future, require an added vigilance against radioactivity levels which could be harmful to the environment.

I do not believe that our desire to provide added protection is in any way inconsistent with the objectives of the AEC. If we were attempting to set standards lower than those of the AEC, I could understand your objection.

It is my sincere desire that the State and the AEC will not become embroiled in a legal contest over an issue so critical to the protection of this State's environment. I am hopeful that the AEC will be able to concur with Minnesota's position and grant operating permits for Minnesota nuclear power plants which are consistent with the standards established by the State Pollution Control Agency.

Cordially,


Harold Levander
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