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Encl ltr fm Jeffry L. Ruppabis, Rochester, Minn. expressing concern re release of radioactive water into the Mississippi River from the Monticello plant

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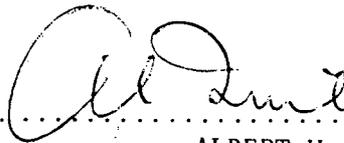
Mr. Joseph J. DiNunno
Director, Office of
Environmental Affairs
Operating & Promotional Functions
Atomic Energy Commission, U.S.
Washington, D. C. 20545

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Rec'd Off. Dir. of Reg.
Date 2/16/72
Time 2:45

Very truly yours,



ALBERT H. QUIE M.C.

..... Minnesota - First District.

DR-4203

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J. L. Buchholz
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Dear Mr. Quie,

I am writing in regard to the nuclear powered plant in Monticello, Minnesota. As I understand it, the results of the tests for the potential dangers of radioactivity are due some time in May. It is now known that the radioactive water which would be poured into the Mississippi River could raise the temperature of the water sufficiently to promote algae growth to such an extent that it could kill some of the wildlife now inhabiting the river. This would certainly upset the balance of nature. The Mississippi River Valley is a great source of natural beauty and wildlife for many Minnesotans. It would be a shame and a pity to put an end to one of our great heritages.

Is there a reason that they could not have a reservoir of some

kind to hold the water until it is deactivated enough to release it into the river? I understand that another plant is planned near Red Wing, Minnesota. If they dump their radioactive water into the Mississippi River, won't it be even more harmful to the wildlife around the river? Ecology is supposed to be one of the greatest concerns in the United States today. These nuclear plants do not seem, to me, to be much of a help.

Respectively,
Jeffrey L. Quakabris