

LeeCOLAEISComments Resource

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners,

My wife and I live sixty miles from a proposed nuclear power plant in/near Gaffney, SC.

In view of the numerous historic unresolved problems with the use of nuclear fuel for power production, we judge this a dubious, as well as high-risk project.

Before acting on this proposal, adequate AND PUBLIC review should include:

1. Acceptable plan for management and disposition of the spent fuel,
2. Critical review to ensure that the design has adequate fail-safe elements to avoid meltdown and release of radiation as happened recently in Japan,
 - 2a. The use of novel and untested designs should be disallowed,
3. Alternative approaches to provide additional energy that don't involve the use of nuclear fuel, specifically including non-fossil fuel approaches (wind, solar, hydro, etc).
4. Approaches to eliminate or minimize growth in energy consumption should be considered as well.
5. The lifetime costs of the different approaches should be calculated, including prevention and remediation of environment damage.
6. The lifetime costs should be borne by the company undertaking the project, rather than users or the community at large.
7. Adequate public review should include meetings in locations convenient to the putative users AND ANY OTHERS AFFECTED BY the operation of the proposed power plant.
8. Notice of such public meetings should be widely publicized in clear, nontechnical language via multiple mass-media sources to enable attendance and input by all putative users of the proposed power plant. Such notice should be published long enough before the day of the meetings to maximize the attendance by interested individuals.
9. Input for the meetings should be sought be recognized experts in environment hazards due to nuclear fuel and radiation WITHOUT ties to the nuclear power industry or the company proposing the power plant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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