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Our organization, Environmentalists Inc, is taking part in opposing licensing actions for nuclear power plants which consider construction licenses and operating licenses at the same time. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has a regulation guide (1.206) which details what new licensees need to do to obtain a dual license.

Because of this approach to licensing, we're getting reactors built that are having all kinds of problems, such as the VC Summer plant, which is way behind schedule, the foundation had to be corrected, it's an AP-1000, which has never been built or operated, there are problems with the module design, it's made in pieces, not solid construction, it's a new untested design, and without ever testing it the NRC is willing for multiple construction sites such as Wm S Lee III and Vogtle as well as VC Summer.

Through our observation at teleconference meetings between the NRC and corporations seeking licenses, we have witnessed the problems which develop when the public is excluded from the discussion, when necessary questions are not asked, when a theoretical approach takes the place of reality. Right now it's practically impossible for an organization to intervene because the NRC and the nuclear industries have such a close relationship that they're pretending to listen to us, but it's like talking into a vacuum. We can't take any action.

Now we make our recommendation:

- That public interest organizations and members of the public affected are truly included in the decision-making process, not as a show, but in reality.

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