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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sirs:

I see in the Moline Daily Dispatch that you desire public comment to help decide what to do with the 509 "spent" fuel rods at the Commonwealth Edison Dresden plant. Good! After so many years of keeping the public completely out of nuclear power decisions this is a refreshing approach. It 's amazing how so much concerning nuclear development was considered secret even after the war and that even Congress did not review government policies except by rubber-stamping the Joint Commission on Atomic Energy. They were told, and it is still implied, that the public can't understand the nuclear questions so the decisions should be left to the industry.

Many lives in our area have been in turmoil these last three to four years due to Commonwealth Edison trying to purchase land for 2 to 4 reactors in the Erie-Springhill area. We understand that there are many questions about the effects of low-level radiation. We understand that the Rasmussen Report is being questioned by your body and we wonder what scientifically-based regulating is currently being done. While the Quad-Cities Nuclear Generating Station is under Grand Jury investigation the public has no way of finding out about their security problems. The Nuclear Engineering Co. is trying to abandon the waste-dump in our neighboring community of Sheffield. There seem to be plans to add 2 more reactors to the Quad-Cities Station. I'm sure we already have much more than our fair share of nuclear materials being transported through our area. WE DON'T NEED 509 RADIOACTIVE FUEL RODS FROM DRESDEN. Quad-Cities Nuclear Generating Station has already expanded to hold many more of their own spent fuel rods than they anticipated when the plant began production. We are already in a vulnerable civil defense area because of the Rock Island Arsenal. How much does our locality owe the nuclear industry?

Now that I've talked about our part of the state and country I want to say that I thoroughly understand if any other part of the state and country feels the same way. We need to remember that it all begins with plans for power plants.

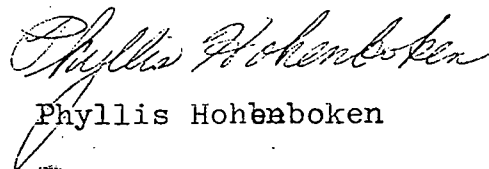
My hope is that someday soon the Public, Government, & Private Industry will say "enough is enough" and pursue alternatives with as

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much diligence and money as we've all pursued atomic energy these last 30 years. We have time because electric consumption is enough behind production that Commonwealth Edison is closing coal plants earlier than scheduled.

For now find some other place for the fuel rods & plan on reducing, and finally eliminating, new spent fuel rods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phyllis Hohaboken".

Phyllis Hohaboken

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