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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns on the subject of the possible re-racking of highly radioactive spent fuel rods at the Quad-Cities Nuclear Generating Station located in Cordova, Illinois.

The reasons for my concerns are listed below;

1. The overexposure and/or possible adverse health effects to the workers of the plant who would handle the material.
2. The possible dangers due to a terrorist attack on the nuclear station.
3. The severe consequences and damage related to an earthquake, which some scientists at the St. Louis University and the Midwest Research Institute, feel that the Mississippi valley is ripe for a major earthquake again. The most powerful quake in the United States occurred in this valley in 1811. If one were to occur and cause a considerable amount of damage, the release of radioactive material would have detrimental effects not only to the state of Illinois but other states as well.
4. The possibility of accidents during routine handling, which I believe, have been known to happen before.
5. The possibility of accidents in dealing with the transportation of the radioactive spent fuel rods and/or operating mishaps.
6. The need for additional water to help cool the spent fuel rods which in turn could cause serious environmental damage, in the example of increased radioactive releases or leaks into the Mississippi River and the possible increase of heated water being discharged into the river.

I write to you to request permission to intervene on the re-racking of the spent fuel rods at the Quad-Cities Nuclear Station. As a citizen of the state of Iowa, who feels that this action is necessary for the safety, health and well-being of the Iowa-Illinois area.

Thank you,

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