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Harold Denton, Director of  
Nuclear Reactor Regulations  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

I am concerned with the safety of Carolina Power and Light Company's (CP&L's) Shearon Harris nuclear power plant in neighboring Wake County, North Carolina.

The current emergency plan covers only a ten mile radius around the plant. I understand that CP&L has petitioned to have that reduced to only two miles.

Ten miles is not adequate; two is ridiculous. I urge the NRC to increase the area to be included in the emergency plan to at least twenty miles.

It is absurd that population such centers as Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Pittsboro are not included in the required emergency plan. All would be directly affected by a major emergency. The risk of a catastrophic accident has been insufficiently considered.

The Chatham County Commissioners withdrew their approval of the current inadequate plan. Other jurisdictions are considering similar action.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen resolved last night to call on the NRC not to license the plant as a nuclear plant. I support that resolution.

I urge that no license for loading fuel or for any level of nuclear operation be issued for Shearon Harris until the citizens of the area affected by the plant are protected by an adequate, locally approved emergency plan. In light of the recent experience at Chernobyl, it is possible that the only safe plan is to convert the plant to non-nuclear fuel.

Thank you for consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

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