

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 18, 1986

Ms. Mary C. Cates, Council Member City of Raleigh 110 South McDowell Street Post Office Box 590 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

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Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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March 17, 1987

Dear Triangle J Delegates:

The Nominating Committee as established by the Board of Delegates has met and established the attached criteria in selecting people for the Nuclear Energy Public Information Committee.

We invite you to submit names to us of people to be considered who are in one or more of these areas of expertise. We would like to have either that person's prepared resume or the attached information sheet completed.

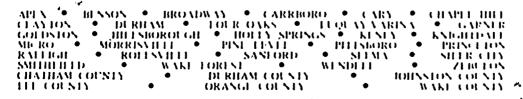
The Committee will be glad also to receive applications direct from individuals.

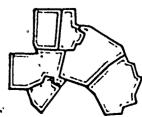
Sincerely,

John T. Caldwell, Charman Nominating Committee

Attachments:

Concept Paper Selection Criteria Information Sheet





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CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY

Discussion Paper for the Triangle J Board of Delegates

Purpose

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The Triangle J Council of Governments will create a seven member Board of local citizens with special expertise in science, engineering, the arts, and humanities charged with providing local governments prompt, sound, and unbiased advice regarding the operation and safety of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant.

All efforts will be made to select a group of the highest caliber and objectivity. The Board will be advisory to local governments, and not be a regulatory body. Activities will focus on the safety and operation of the Shearon Harris Plant, and be geared to providing concise, intelligible information to city and county governing boards and the general public. Under some circumstances, the Board's advice may be needed by local governing bodies to take appropriate action, dispel rumors, or provide the public with essential factual information.

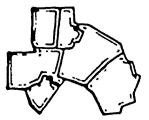
The Board will not debate the relative merits of nuclear power or other energy sources, and will not become involved in economic or rate making issues of the Harris Plant.

Activities will include:

- 1. Periodic reports on plant operation, including interpretation for the public of reports and data produced by CP&L, the NRC, and other regulatory bodies;
- 2. Review and interpretation of plant safety, quality assurance, and other operating practices required by state and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines;
- 3. Recommendations for improving the education of local citizens and elected boards on relevant issues of nuclear safety;
- 4. Quick and direct response to questions submitted by local governments; especially, during or after any departure of the plant from normal operation (as indicated by regulatory violations, emergency alerts, exceedance of environmental, safety, or other performance standards, etc.)

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Organizational Identity

The Board will be an advisory unit of TJCOG, but will be linked directly to city and county governing boards. The Citizens Board will establish its own operating rules and procedures, subject to approval by the TJCOG Board of Delegates, but its reports and recommendations to local governments will not be subject to prior review and/or approval by Triangle J's Executive Committee or Board of Delegates. TJCOG will provide staff and administrative support to the Citizens Board.

Sunset Provision

Triangle J will evaluate the Board's service, and determine the need for its continued existence at the end of two years.— A majority vote of the Board of Delegates will be needed to extend the Citizens Board beyond that time.

Membership

The Citizens Board will consist of seven members representing a wide varieity of expertise, including, science, engineering, social sciences, the arts and humanities. All efforts will be made to select members in as impartial a manner as possible, and to maintain the Board's integrity as an independent, objective body. All members will be residents of either Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Wake, or Harnett County.

Selection

The Chairman of TJCOG will appoint a Nominating Task Force whose members represent a broad range of interest. The Nominating Task Force will:

- 1. Develop detailed guidelines and criteria for Board membership;
- 2. Receive and evaluate applications;
- 3. Recommend seven names to the TJCOG Executive Committee for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Board.

Additionally, the Executive Committee may accept nominations submitted by Delegates or Alternates.

Pinal selection of the Citizens Board will be by the Executive Committee, subject to approval by Triangle J's Board of Delegates.



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January 14, 1987

Expansion of original Concept Paper

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY

This paper is a supplement to the 12/10/86 (draft) discussion paper considered by TJCOG's Board of Delegates at its December 17, 1986 meeting. This paper attempts to clarify the need and duties of the Citizen's Board, and proposes a funding plan.

The Need

Local governments have a variety of emergency managment duties related to the Shearon Harris Plant, but have initially no <u>power</u> to assure their citizens, that the plant is being operated safely. On behalf of their constituents, local officials feel a sense of responsibility for the safe operation of the Shearon Harris Plant.

The Advisory Board would provide a reliable source of independent, unbiased information for local officials. For example, when a mayor or county commissioner gets a phone call from the local Emergency Operations Center, or a press inquiry about an "unusual event" at the Shearon Harris Plant, he could call the Citizens' Board for an objective appraisal of the event's importance. It is essential that all local governments have access to the same information.

As a reliable local clearinghouse, the Board could prepare a series of



educational pamphlets or discussion papers on power plant operation and safety topics: relative risks to the public of spent fuel storage, transportation, low level radioactive waste, and so forth.

The Board would also review periodic documents and reports of the NRC, Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), and other oversight agencies in order to evaluate the operation of the Harris Plant. Since simply "meeting the regulations" does not always mean "outstanding operation" the Board would work with CP & L or through appropriate regulatory channels to seek ways to bring the plant operation up to the highest level.

Before the plant begins commercial power generation, the Board might aponsor a seminar or symposium on Your role as a public official: What you should know; type and importance of 'unusual events'" (and so forth).

With access to unbiased information, interpretation, and independent analysis, governments can become well informed with regard to nuclear safety issues.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP NUCLEAR ENERGY PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE UNBIASED <u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u> ON THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. THE COMMITTEE WILL FUNCTION DURING PERIODS OF NORMAL UNEVENTFUL OPERATION AS WELL AS IN PERIODS OF UNUSUAL OCCURENCES ATTRACTING PUBLIC CONCERN. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP BE CHARACTERIZED BY INTEGRITY OF JUDGMENT AND COMPETENCE AND RECOGNIZED IN THE GENERAL COMMUNITY OR COMMUNITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PEERS.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD INCLUDE COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

NUCLEAR PHYSICS/ENGINEERING HEALTH/RADIATION MEDICINE MANAGEMENT AT CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEVEL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY SENSIBILITIES/COMMUNICATION PUBLIC POLICY/LAW

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE MEMBERS MUST NOT BE ACTIVELY POSITIONED IN ANY WAY WITH THE PROS OR CONS OF NUCLEAR POWER.



Information Sheet Nuclear Energy Public Information Committee

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Please mail to:	Dr. John Caldwell, Chairman Nominating Committee for the Nuclear Energy Public Information Committee Triangle J Council of Governments Post Office Box 12276 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 Nominations close at 5 p.m. April 1, 1987					
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SUBJECT: SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT 1

The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

Notice of Receipt of Application, dated _____.

____ Draft/Final Environmental Statement, dated ______

Notice of Availability of Draft/Final Environmental Statement, dated ______

Safety Evaluation Report, or Supplement No._____ dated _____.

____ Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, dated ______.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Facility Operating License or Amendment to Facility Operating License, dated _____.

Bi-Weekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations, dated _____ [see page(s)] _____.

___ Exemption, dated _____

Construction Permit No. CPPR-____, Amendment No. _____ dated _____.

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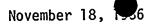
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