

Route 1, Box 182E
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

June 5, 1986

Dear Mr. Denton:

As a resident of Bingham Township in Orange County, North Carolina, and a member of the Bingham Township Advisory Council to the Orange County Planning Board, I urge the revokation of the permit for the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant to begin operation.

Bingham Township is an agricultural area (chiefly dairy-farming), and approximately half of it is (critical) watershed area for Chapel Hill and UNC residents. Much of it is within fifteen to twenty miles of Shearon Harris, and all of it within approximately twenty five miles. The Chernobyl disaster contaminated forage crops necessitating the slaughter of thousands of cattle 750 miles from the accident site. Contamination of water supplies (Cane Creek Reservoir and University Lake) would necessitate evacuation of an area far larger than the planned ten-mile radius, and should include Chapel Hill and Bingham Township.

Furthermore, since the temporary or permanent storage of nuclear waste, before and after the inevitable dismantling of Shearon Harris, and any possible accident to nuclear waste in transit through Bingham Township to the site, would impact on the safety of Bingham Township residents, endangering their highways, their groundwater supply and their agricultural livelihood, I oppose the start-up of Shearon Harris as a nuclear power plant, and urge its conversion to a safer source of energy.

Very truly yours,

Miriam R. Murdock

(Mrs. Harold R. Murdock Jr.)

* Though perhaps not technically "critical" according to the Orange County zoning regulations, half of Bingham Township is designated as "water-supply watershed" being drained into two drinking-water supply reservoirs. Technically "critical" areas are only areas close to stream-banks and the reservoirs themselves, but ALL water-supply watershed areas are critical as far as atomic fall-out is concerned.

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