

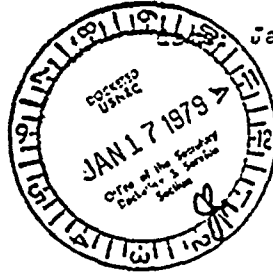
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CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR DANGERS

P.O. Box 377, RD #1, Berwick, Pa., 18603

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Mr. Charles Bechhoefer, Esq, Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Sir:

As a preliminary prerequisite, and in compliance with government regulations, the Citizens Against Nuclear Dangers in the attached document(s) state for the record the timely reason(s) for intervention in the proceedings before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency and before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in the matter of: Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (applicants) Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388; Permits Nos. CFFR-101 and CFFR-102.

Yours truly

Mrs. Irene Lezanowicz
Chairperson

THE CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR DANGERS,

Serving as a public interest ad hoc group to inunciate the concerns of many citizens living in relative close proximity to Salem Township,

Believing that the government has thus far failed to adequately protect people from the risk of nuclear dangers, that might occur as a result of the operation of the Applicants' atomic power plant,

Determined to intervene in the interest of public health and safety, The Citizens Against Nuclear Dangers hereby allege, contend, and aver the following:

Whereas, the Bill of Rights guarantees that "The Enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

Whereas, one of those rights retained by the people is the right to life, and this right extends to the life of the unborn baby;

Whereas, long-term exposure to low-level atomic radiation can cause damage to human chromosomes and to unborn babies of pregnant women, ultimately resulting in some cases of miscarriage or physically and/or brain damaged offspring;

Whereas, the sustained discharge of low-level radiation, whether accidental or from normal release, from the operation of the Applicants' Salem Township atomic power plant will pose a long-term threat to the life and health of all women of childbearing age and their future progeny, within a fifty mile radius of the Salem Township site;

Whereas, to prevent a possible future epidemic of defective births within a radius of fifty miles of Salem, abortion may become a standard recommended procedure to cope with this persistent radiation problem;

Whereas, abortion violates the ethical, moral, religious and social conscience and human instincts of many people, especially for the reason cited above;

Therefore, the Applicants by the operation of the atomic plant at Salem Township will be subjecting a generation of American women living within a fifty mile radius of the site to the particular risk of bearing an abnormal child;

Therefore, the Applicants may in time be required by the courts to pay the lifelong special costs of caring for these abnormal children, including but not limited to institutional care, if approval for the operating license is granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

Therefore, abortion as the ultimate solution to the radiation problem is absolutely unacceptable as it violates the constitutional right to life retained by the people!

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Whereas, on December 16, 1978, Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors allowed a shipment of highly enriched uranium to leave New York City and be flown to Communist Rumania, knowing full well that security seals placed on each of four canisters had been broken;

Whereas, the four canisters contained five kilograms of weapons-grade nuclear material, sufficient to build a small atomic bomb;

Whereas, the "inspectors" replaced the broken seals without checking whether any of the enriched uranium fuel rods had been removed, and then sent the canisters on to Communist Rumania, and without immediately notifying officials in Washington;

Whereas, this deplorable and irresponsible action endangering America's national security is only the latest in a long litany of foul-ups and cover-ups by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

Therefore, the questions are being asked: Can, and will, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel act in a responsible and objective manner in the matter of the Applicants' operating license for the Salem Township atomic power plant? Can this Panel somehow assure the interveners and the general public it is capable and qualified to render decisions in the public interest pertaining to public safety and public health? Or, are the public hearings to be a ritualistic, well rehearsed, charade to placate the press and buttress the bureaucracy? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission may get away with bungling things up over Rumania, but they better not try it at Bell Bend along the Susquehanna River!