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Secretary, U.S. NRC
Washington, D.C.,
Attn: Docketing & Service Branch

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the storage of spent nuclear fuel at the Susquehanna Steam and Electric Station at the Bell Bend site. This is my formal objection to such an arrangement.

On the 20th of September I wrote a letter concerning this subject to Mr. Wm. H. Regan Jr., chief of environmental projects. In response to this letter, I received a telephone call from a Mr. (Singhay) of the office. At that time he assured me that the spent fuel would be stored at the site only until it would be safe to ship it to a storage site. This he said would be a maximum of six months. During this conversation I was informed that a team from the NRC would be in this area to inspect the plant site on the 17th and 18th of October and they would stop by our home and discuss these issues with me.

On the 11th of October a very small article appeared in our local paper concerning the storage of the spent fuel at the Bell Bend site. This article couldn't have been any smaller. In fact it contained three sentences. To say the least it went unnoticed by the majority of the area residents.

However, when the team made their visit to our home, I questioned Mr. Singhay (who was accompanied by two other persons) and he informed me that the spent fuel would indeed be stored at the plant site for 10 years. He didn't say it was pending any certification. It was a definite statement that the fuel would indeed be stored there for the 10 year period. It seems that this like all the other things that P&L has decided to do in this area will indeed be a reality.

Up to this point the government has done nothing to protect the residents of this area. We have received damage to our properties during the construction of the plant, which I am sure the authorities were well aware of at the time, but chose to ignor. Our beautiful area has been desecrated by the scars of power lines in all

directions with a distinct possibility of more to come. All this for someone else's benefit. PP&L didn't need the power that will be generated at this plant for this area. Why wasn't this plant constructed in the area that it would serve?

Now the final destruction of this area by the storage of this spent fuel. No other area in the U.S. wants this spent fuel stored in their area and I am sure the apparent apathy of the people in this area gave assurance there would be no objection to this plan.

This subject was brought to the attention of the area supervisors at their meeting last evening. They were completely ignorant of the proposed plan.

I think it is about time the people in this area are informed as to what is to take place. We live here and we are definitely effected by this decision. At the present time there are over 300 sites in the U.S. where toxic chemicals and other dangerous materials have been stored. These sites have begun to make their presence known to the people who live there. I am not in favor of our area being added to that list.

I would like a definite statement on this issue. Just what is going to be done with the spent fuel? Where will it be stored?

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Stanley Shortz

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this

16th day of Nov 1978.

Debra T. Downing
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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