

The Honorable Fred Upton
 United States House of
 Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 1994

Dear Congressman Upton:

On June 29, 1994, you telecopied us a letter of June 2, 1994, from one of your constituents, Mr. Ellsworth Cummins. The letter discussed an article in the Niles Daily Star on safety deficiencies at the Palisades nuclear power plant and an investigation by WNDU of South Bend, Indiana, concerning a power plant in the Ukraine. First, let me emphasize that we believe the Palisades plant is being operated safely and with due consideration to public health and safety. However, we could not adequately address Mr. Cummins' specific concerns without receiving additional information. We spoke to Mr. Cummins via telephone on July 11, 1994, the day after he had returned from vacation. He told us he would send us more information.

On July 18, 1994, Mr. Cummins told us that he would send us the article from the Niles Daily Star. He also had contacted WNDU and was told that the power plant in the Ukraine referenced in his letter was a fossil plant, not a nuclear plant.

When we receive the copy of the above-mentioned article from Mr. Cummins, we will respond to you more fully. He appears satisfied with the communications he has had with the members of my staff, and I trust that our response to you will adequately address his concerns.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
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Hi, Laura -

Could we have MRC'S THOUGHTS ON
THIS? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS STUFF
ON NIPSCO, THE UKRAINE AND "CREDITS"
IS IN REFERENCE TO?

Dave

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SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS IN THREE RIVERS AND STURGIS. CALL THE OFFICE CLOSEST TO YOU FOR INFORMATION.

June 2, 1994

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Dear Rep. Upton,

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Recently the Niles Daily Star had a feature article on the safety deficiencies found by the NRC of Pallsades Nuclear Power Plant. They said it is a continuous problem that, even after fines, does not get rectified.

We live in a 50 mile radius of Pallsades AND Cook Power Plants. It appears not to be enough for the NRC to inspect these facilities.

Do you feel the NRC is doing enough to protect the citizens of our state? Is there any pressure you can bring to the NRC to correct these problems?

Also, in a recent investigation by WNDU of South Bend, Ind., it was reported that NIPSCO of Indiana was cleaning up environmental hazards from a power plant in the Ukraine to receive "credits" that would defer any clean-up in Indiana where the cost of clean-up is three times as great.

Is anything being done about this?

I am concerned about THE environment, MY environment, and the environment of MY CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN.

Anxiously awaiting your reply.

Ellsworth Cummins
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