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Dear Director:

Enclosed you will find correspondence I have received from Alfred and Eleanor Coleman of Pennsville, New Jersey.

I would appreciate any information which will enable me to respond to my constituents' inquiry. Please return the enclosed correspondence with your report.

With best wishes,

\$incerely,

Harrison A. Williams.

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INCREASED STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL FROM 264 to 1170 - SALEM UNIT 1

Through intervention for over 3 years now, we have opposed the increased storage of spent fuel at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1.

On March 17, 1981 we received an order from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated March 12, 1981 which stated our ORAL ARGUMENT would be heard in Bethesda, Maryland. We wrote to the NRC suggesting they change the location for Oral Argument to Salem County where prior hearings were held. April 4, 1981 we received notice that:

"We traditionally hear oral argument in appeals at our Bethesda hearing room. Only under compelling circumstances should we consider a change of venue. The intervenors have shown no such circumstances here. Moreover, in this era of severe budgetary restrictions on all federal agencies, we are particularly unable to conceive of any factors that would warrant holding this argument in a location other than Bethesda. The requests to hold oral argument in Salem County, New Jersey, are denied."

We don't consider long-term storage of spent fuel in Salem County traditional. Moreover, we consider the compelling circumstances to be the Salem County Public's Right to Know. We continue to feel the increased storage of spent fuel is of vital concern not only to the residents of Salem County, but to the entire state of New Jersey as was demonstrated by the "jammed" Old Salem County Courthouse when the Public Hearing portion of this Intervention was heard. No one is more concerned with budgetary restrictions than volunteers (as we are). It is interesting to note the things we feel are unnecessary - such as Microfiche at the Local Public Document Room - are being funded whether we want it or not.

While we recognize 10 CFR 2.763, 2.785 (a) gives the NRC decision to hear any oral argument solely within their discretion, we continue to feel the Regulatory Process should take into consideration those who have to live with their decisions.

We are, therefore, requesting your assistance to see if something can be done so that residents will have access to Oral Arguments in this proceeding without having to travel to Bethesda, Maryland.

Very truly yours,

Alfred C. Coleman Jr.

Eleanor G. Coleman