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Director,  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently, through a public radio broadcast and information gathered from a friend living in Newark, Delaware, I learned of the near melt down of the Salem nuclear power plant in New Jersey. Although not as traumatic as the disaster some 3 years ago at Three Mile Island, this current accident forcibly reminds us all of the dangers inherent in nuclear power.

Twice in one week, an instrument failed at Salem which spokesmen for your agency had stated could fail only once in a million years. Twice in one week. How much hyperbole, how many industry serving lies will we, the American public accept? It is my fear that we will wait until a future meltdown occurs before reacting with rage and dismay.

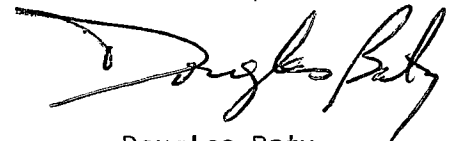
We need not wait for disaster though. If your agency would begin the enforcement of regulations which you are required by law to enforce, and if you would shut down the more obviously accident prone plants such as Salem, a tragedy may be averted. Your responsibility should be to the American public, not the nuclear industry.

I am writing also to my representatives in Washington, requesting that Congressional initiatives be taken to close the Salem power plant. If you would, however, enforce existing statutes, such action would not be necessary. It is disturbing, to say the least, to learn through news accounts, of how routinely the NRC grants variances to regulations which Congress passes.

Please recognize your responsibility to the people and to Congress and begin regulating the industry rather than defending and promoting it.

Thank you for your consideration of these views. Waiting for your reply, I remain,

Sincerely,

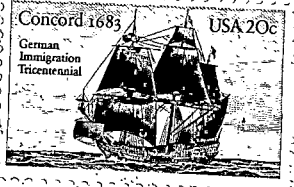
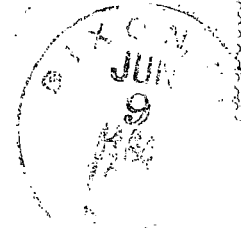


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