

September 3, 1979

Mr. Harold Denton
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

As taxpayers and residents of Indianapolis, Indiana we are becoming increasingly apprehensive about the nuclear power facility at Marble Hill and feel that all construction should cease and the project shut down for the following reasons:

From the beginning there have been problems with defective workmanship and materials (i.e. honeycombing in the concrete and substandard supplies for plumbing, etc.) and alledged attempts to cover up said defects. This has not happened only once. The ridiculous situation goes on and on. The public is losing faith in the ability of Public Service Indiana to build a nuclear power plant. Also, many citizens of Indiana do not feel Public Service Indiana has any interest in the safety or well being of the public. Profits seem to be more important. Even to the extent of covering up defects to save expenses and the public be damned. Safety in a nuclear power facility is extremely important due to the very nature of nuclear power. This raises the second reason why we want this project shut down.

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Is nuclear power inherently too dangerous and do we really need it? An increasing number of people not only in Indiana but all over the nation think it is too dangerous. When the experts can't agree on the dangers of low level radiation or what to do with nuclear wastes, what can ordinary citizens think?

Some experts tell us that we can have all the electrical energy we need (this includes surplus in case of a black out or other emergency) without nuclear power. If this is so, it would seem that the risk benefit ratio of nuclear power would make the construction of any more nuclear power plants untenable.

Lastly, we would like to address the N.R.C. and it's function as a regulatory body. It has come to our attention that another nuclear power facility under construction has had similar honeycombing problems in the concrete, such as Marble Hill has had. We have been told that although this plant's concrete construction could not, or would not meet the N.R.C.'s standards. After investigation by the N.R.C. it was decided the standards would be lowered!!! We feel this downgrading of standards, is in effect, nullifying the purpose of the N.R.C. Since the N.R.C. is currently studying Marble Hill's honeycombing and various construction problems, we wish to express our concern and desire that there be no such lowering of standards at the Marble Hill power plant. In fact we wish again to request that all construction be stopped permanently at Marble Hill.

Sincerely yours,

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Concerned Indiana Residents

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