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Mr. Carlton Kammerer
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20505



Dear Mr. Kammerer:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter I have recently received from Mr. Bill Peters of Russellville, Arkansas regarding a concern he has expressed about a possible decision the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may make to issue a license for the construction of offshore nuclear power plants.

As you will note from Mr. Peters' letter he believes such structures would be more dangerous than land based reactors. I would appreciate it if you would review these comments, and advise me of any actions or decisions which may be pertinent to this problem. Your reply will hopefully enable me to become more familiar with this subject, and provide my constituent with an informed response.

Sincerely,

David Pryor

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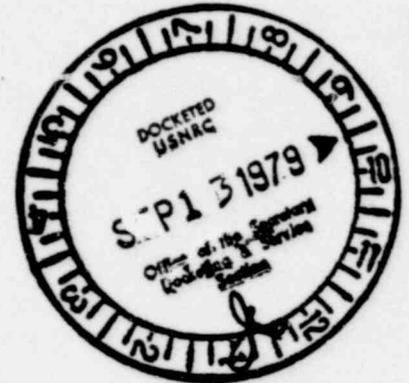
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The Honorable David Pryor
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pryor:

It is my understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staffers have recommended that a manufacturing license be issued to Offshore Powers System of Jacksonville, Florida, a Westinghouse subsidiary. OPS plans to build eight floating nuclear plants in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, using pressurized water reactors.

These plants would be subject to storms, hurricanes, collisions with supertankers, and would be even more dangerous than the existing land-based reactors. Global waters would be threatened by radioactive products.

This move must be nipped in the bud before it develops any further. It appears that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, even in the wake of TMI, is still playing the role of nuclear "promoter" rather than "controller". Irresponsibility in our national nuclear policy must be reversed.

Your cooperation in responding to this plea concerning the OPS situation in particular, and national nuclear policy in general, is urged. Thank you.

Cordially yours,

Bill Peters

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