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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

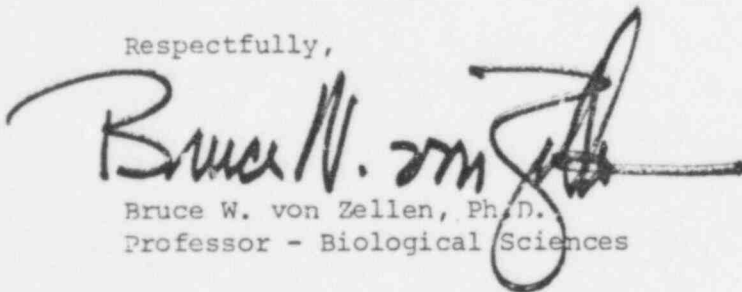
Dear Chairman Hendrie,

I believe it imperative that an environmental impact assessment be prepared prior to the chemical decontamination planned for Commonwealth Edison's Dresden Station, Unit One, near Morris and Joliet, Illinois, on the Kankakee River.

Although our knowledge of the migration of radionuclides within biological systems and throughout the environment remains imperfect, the published account of Jeffrey Means, et al., (Science, Vol. 200, 30 June 1978) unequivocally demonstrates the very serious and unacceptable consequences decontaminate chelating agents (such as may be used by Commonwealth Edison) pose for the biosphere.

I urge that you give this request for an Environmental Impact Statement your close and immediate attention and that you inform me of your view of the matter.

Respectfully,



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cc: The Honorable Tom Corcoran
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