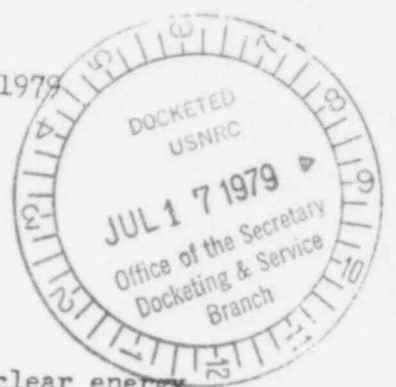


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Secretary of the Commission,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Section

As part of my concern for the senseless proliferation of nuclear energy plants across this country, I wish to inform the Commission of my opposition to the planned construction of the Allens Creek nuclear energy plant just West of Houston, Texas.

As a resident of southwest Houston, I live well within fifty miles of the Allens Creek plant site. We are virtually next door neighbors. No one would deny that the operation of a nuclear energy plant presents great potential hazards. It gives me great concern that my family, my neighbors and I, may very likely be adversely affected by radiation from this plant—even barring a major accident.

We are all aware of the tremendous, unavoidable cost of building nuclear plants safe enough to reduce their inherent risks to an acceptable level. These costs also tell us it is very difficult to do—especially with your fingers crossed.

In the end, the risks and the costs are borne by the public--the consumer. Both risks and costs are presently at an unacceptable level. Nuclear energy has proven not to be the cheap, clean energy we were once told it would be. Above all, it has not proven itself to be a safe supply of energy. In time it may do so—but more time is necessary. The monopolistic energy companies are willing to bet in their own interest that nuclear energy is safe. I hope they are right. But let's not gamble--the human stakes are far too high should we lose the bet.

Accordingly, I ask that I be made a full party to any future construction permit hearings. It has been my understanding in the past that restrictions on contentions did not permit me to intervene, so I made no attempt to do so. I understand it is now possible for me to take part in the hearings, so I intend to do so.

I will look for your early reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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