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Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I take the liberty of addressing this brief comment to you instead of to the Licensing Board because of the nature of the subject to which I refer, and because the final awesome decision on the matter of which I write will be yours.

As an applicant for this license, I have followed the procedures laid down in the regulations of the Commission, and have, in fact, submitted a complete application for the proposed plants, including a detailed description of the plants, a description of the safety features, and a description of the emergency procedures to be followed in the event of an accident. I have also submitted a detailed description of the proposed plants, including a detailed description of the safety features, and a description of the emergency procedures to be followed in the event of an accident.

I am sure, Mr. Hendrie, that the "studies" by the applicant's consultants and independent consultants will prove without any reasonable doubt that the proposed plants could not possibly come into existence after installation.

I am long retired; have no business connections and could not possibly even attempt to refute applicants' absolute confidence in their proposal.

However, when the safety and lives of uncounted numbers of persons are at stake, I am an extreme pessimist.

I write this letter only to state the following; these plants would be at the mercy of the elements. I think that it is unconscionable assumptions of mere man to even attempt to evaluate the optimum of forces which hurricanes, tidal waves, typhoons or any other of the other cataclysmic forces which the oceans of the world can and have generated throughout the ages, and still choose to put man's puny, but in this case, potentially deadly, machines at the mercy of these forces. For, if a storm of unprecedented ferocity ever to wash ashore or or all eight of these eight huge, vulnerable nuclear plants, the loss of human life and of property might be beyond comprehension, a tragedy which would forever haunt the decision-makers.

Respectfully yours,

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