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Joseph Hendrie, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

A decision is to be made September 13 whether or not to revoke the construction permit No. CPPR-147 for the Wolf Creek Unit No. 1. As a petitioner, I have several concerns I would like resolved.

Does the N.R.C. often change the specifications of something as critical as the base mat? This structure is a case study of corner-cutting, poor workmanship and failures:

- Failure to follow mix design.
- Failure to conduct some 3 day tests.
- Failure to properly monitor temperatures in the sample storage room.
- Failure to submit a complete report to the architect.
- Failure to meet design requirement by over 10%.

And, in addition, the licensee would have us believe the testing was also done improperly. This is only the 90 day test; the other tests were done perfectly-since they had scores that were anticipated.

Why was there no core drilling required to test the in-situ strength of the base mat? There are questions about suitability of the coarse and fine aggregate. I have reservations about the proper identification of the 90 day cylinder set. They were crushed, discarded in a "bone pile", buried under a cement pour, recovered, retested, etc. The Army Corps based their report on a tiny fraction of one cylinder set. While the concrete was projected to increase by 1000psi between 28 and 90 days, in 30 of 66 sets, it went down! So I repeat, why no core drilling?

Why has the supervision of this 21 month fiasco by Region 4 been so low-key? I have heard that Chet Oberg, Wolf Creek's inspector, did not make his July inspection. As it is, I have grave doubts that being on-site a few days a month can adequately monitor a work force of 2000 people. Reports of worker sabotage during a concrete pour have surfaced late this summer. The N.R.C. is at the mercy of the licensee to even become aware of these incidents.

The N.R.C. has allowed the earthquake factor to be lowered. Are you aware the licensee (and the ratepayer bears the risk) has only a one year warranty on design error from Bechtel? Westinghouse has likewise only a one year warranty on the reactor. All of this paints a picture of unacceptable risk-unacceptable even to one who might advocate the use of nuclear power. We don't want Wolf Creek, we don't need Wolf Creek and we need a poorly built plant less than anything. The N.R.C. is to protect the public- I will know by your decision whether you accept the responsibility.

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Sincerely,

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