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Dear Mr. Denton:

I feel compelled to express my opinion concerning what I believe to be a bad decision on the part of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, namely the Moratorium on Construction Permits and Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants.

At a time when general inflation, as well as rising oil prices, threatens not only our pocketbooks, but our standard of living, the NRC has made a decision that will:

- (1) Increase electric bills due to burning of higher cost fuels, interest charges due to the delays in the commercial operation dates of the nuclear plants, and extra costs to equip coal burning plants with pollution control equipment.
- (2) Burn oil for generating electricity that could be far better utilized in automobiles and industry.
- (3) Further pollute the environment through burning of coal and oil, when it is known that air pollution from a coal plant is far more hazardous than the so-called "accidents" at nuclear power plants.

As usual, our government is talking out of both sides of its mouth. The presidential commission which investigated the Three Mile Island incident rejected the idea of a General Moratorium, which the NRC has now imposed. The President has promised to cut the red tape involved in nuclear licensing, to allow this clean, inexpensive, efficient fuel to be used; and now allows the moratorium. Without nuclear power available, utilities must burn coal or oil, which the EPA says pollutes the atmosphere. When nuclear power has been proven safe in this country and throughout Europe, instead of utilizing nuclear, our government spends millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money to develop elaborate and ineffective gas rationing plans.

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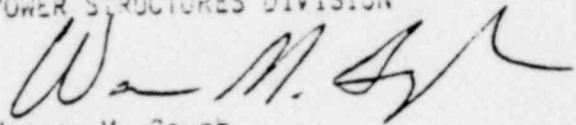
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As a supplier to the electric utility industry, and a citizen and taxpayer, I suggest that our government get its collective head out of the sand, and do the only sensible thing: PROMOTE nuclear power, thereby helping the industry, creating new jobs, alleviating the gasoline shortage, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, eliminating the need for expensive pollution control equipment, and last, but not least, giving the consumer and taxpayer a long awaited common sense decision.

Respectfully yours,

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