



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

JANUARY 10 1980

Docket No. 50-224

Mr. Thomas H. Bates  
Member of the Assembly  
California Legislature  
Twelfth Assembly District  
District Office  
3923 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Mr. Bates:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter in support of the December 11, 1979 petition on behalf of the Friends of the Earth request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take four steps to restrict the operation of the facility located at Etcheverry Hall on the University of California, Berkeley campus.

The Friends of the Earth petition is being treated under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, appropriate action will be taken on their petition within a reasonable time. I enclose, for your information, a copy of the notice that is being filed for publication with the Office of the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Original Signed [Signature]  
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:  
As stated above

cc: w/enclosure

Prof. Selig N. Kaplan  
Reactor Administrator  
Department of Nuclear Engineering  
University of California  
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Berkeley, California 94720

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

The University of California  
at Berkeley

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Docket No. 50-224

REQUEST FOR ACTION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated December 11, 1979, the Friends of the Earth requested that an order be issued to the Regents of the University of California at Berkeley to suspend all activities of the TRIGA reactor at Etcheverry Hall, to remove all radioactive materials from the site, to revoke the operating license and to hold public hearings before any reactor operation is resumed. The bases of the request are alleged deficiencies in the seismic design of the facility, and allegations that the potential threat to the public health and safety is greater than previously estimated and that current evacuation plans are inadequate. This petition is being treated as a request for action under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20555.

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FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland  
this      day of      , 1980.



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JOHN GEORGE  
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

October 30, 1979

Dr. Harold R. Denton  
Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Denton:

I hereby endorse the Request for Action submitted by Friends of the Earth to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which requests permanent revocation of the Regents of the University of California's Operating License under Docket No. 50-224.

Considering the Etcheverry Hall Reactor's outdated seismic design, its site in a densely populated urban area and the lack of adequate evacuation plans in case of a radiation accident, I submit that the Etcheverry Hall reactor poses an unacceptable threat to public health and safety.

Accordingly, I give full support to the Request for Action to the N.R.C. filed by Friends of the Earth. I concur in the request that all reactor activities under Docket No. 50-224 be halted, all radioactive materials and wastes be removed from the Etcheverry Hall site, and that the reactor operating license be removed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

I ask that the Nuclear Regulatory acknowledge its responsibility to the health and safety of the citizens of Berkeley by acting upon this Request for Action.

Very truly yours,

*John George*  
JOHN GEORGE

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# City of Berkeley



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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August 1, 1979

Dr. Harold R. Denton  
Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Denton:

The Friends of the Earth, 124 Spear Street, San Francisco, California, have requested that your Commission suspend all reactor activity at Etcheverry Hall, University of California at Berkeley and remove all plutonium and other radioactive materials.

The City Council of the City of Berkeley wished to advise your Commission that it endorses the request of the Friends of the Earth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Lawson".

MICHAEL LAWSON  
Acting City Manager

cc: City Clerk

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# Assembly California Legislature

THOMAS H. BATES  
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY  
TWELFTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

September 11, 1979

Friends of the Earth  
124 Spear  
San Francisco, Ca 94103

POOR ORIGINAL

Dear Friends of the Earth:

I would like to offer this letter of support for the suspension of all activities at Etcheverry Hall relating to the University of California's nuclear reactor. Many questions have been raised concerning the location of the Hayward fault, the public health hazard an earthquake or accident might precipitate, and the lack of any effective evacuation plan for the residents of the nearby area. Until such questions and concerns are answered, I am in full support of the Friends of the Earth's request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

1. Suspend all activities at Etcheverry Hall relating to the reactor.
2. Remove all plutonium and all other radioactive materials and wastes from the Etcheverry Hall site.
3. Suspend the University of California's license to operate the reactor.
4. Hold public hearings in the City of Berkeley in regards to the University's operation of the reactor.

I am thankful that the Friends of the Earth has taken the time and the effort to look into this potentially dangerous situation.

Sincerely,

*Tom Bates*

Thomas H. Bates  
Member of the Assembly

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# FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

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December 11, 1979

Dr. Harold Denton  
Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: TRIGA Reactor; University of California, Berkeley  
Docket NO. 50-224

Dear Dr. Denton,

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Section 2.206, Friends of the Earth hereby files a Request for Action to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Specifically, Friends of the Earth requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission order the following:

1. Suspension of all activities under Docket NO. 50-224 at Etcheverry Hall, University of California, Berkeley;
2. Removal of all plutonium and all other radioactive materials and wastes from the Etcheverry Hall site;
3. Permanent revocation of the Regents of the University of California's operating license under Docket NO. 50-224;
4. Holding of public hearings in the City of Berkeley before any reactor operation is resumed.

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