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Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

As the Public Health Officer of Lane County, I wish to express my concern for the health and safety of the people of Lane County and the remainder of Oregon. My concern focuses on the proximity of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant to Mount St. Helens. I am aware of the significant geographic barriers between Trojan and Mount St. Helens but I am disturbed by the obvious activity of newly reactivated volcano of unknown and uncertain magnitude in close relationship to a nuclear power plant. It seems to me that prudent actions would dictate a very conservative approach to Trojan until the activity of Mount St. Helens is exactly and precisely known.

I am not privy to emergency planning, vis-a-vis Trojan and Mount St. Helens, but I hope that is underway. If it is at all possible that the health and safety of our people are in jeopardy, then I urge you to see that Trojan is turned off and the fusionable material be removed to a safe location until Mount St. Helens is clearly quiescent and all danger is past.

Please let me know what is happening and what steps are being taken to preserve, promote and protect the health of the people.

Cordially,

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