Docket No. 50-346

Clyde, Ohio

Mrs. Ruth Zitter

Dear Mrs. Zitter:

521 W. Maple Street

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Your letter to the President of the United States requesting shutdown of the Davis-Besse Muclear Plant in Port Clinton has been referred to the Atomic Energy Commission.

We recognize that many members of the general public, like you, have the opinion that too many nuclear power plants are being built. We respect that opinion, but do not share it. We believe that nuclear power plants we are licensing are safe.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 requires consideration of measures necessary for protection of the health and safety of the public. Te carry out this responsibility, the Atomic Energy Commission conducts a detailed review of all applications for licenses to construct and operate nuclear power plants.

The safety standards and criteria established by the Commission for review of applications for nuclear power plants include provisions for conservative design and operating margins and for redundancy of components and systems to minimize the probability of an accident occurring and the potential consequences to the public if one should occur. Thus, although the operating of nuclear power plants is not completely risk-free, it is the function of the Regulatory staff of the Commission, through the licensing process, to assure that applicants and licensees take all actions necessary to assure that the risk is extremely low.

A local Public Document Room (PDR) has been established at the Ida Rupp Public Library, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Copies of the complete application and all documents and correspondence will be filed in this PDR as well as in the Commission's PDR in Washington, D. C. You, as a member of the public, are invited to use the documents that are maintained in these PDR's. Copy cent PDB

Sincerely.

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