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Dear Sirs,

I would like to know how many mishaps are going to occur before the use of nuclear radiation is banned.

You know yourselves that during operation of nuclear plants amounts of radiation effluents are released into the atmosphere and environment and also that plants like the "Three Mile Nuclear Plant" dump radioactive waste water into our rivers and streams. You also say that it is not a significant amount but a spokesman from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said on the news that any amount of radiation that can be avoided should be. To me that means that every

little bit hurts. Everyone should know that it takes years for radiation to become harmless and even that isn't completely proven. The stuff is adding up. Soon it will be in your back yard and mine.

I don't want my children to be playing in it. I have some questions that I would like answered as promptly and as accurately as you are capable of doing. If this is not within your power I ask you, as a government agency, to forward the letter to someone who can.

1. Percentage wise, approx. how much electricity do nuclear plants produce for this country?
2. Will the Rancho Seco Plant in Calif. be closed down. If not, why?

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3. If regulations are, as you say, for the safety of the public and the environment why were faulty fuel rods allowed to be put in the Vermont Yankee atomic plant and a faulty valve put into the Three Mile Island?

How come the million gallon vats in Washington, which hold liquid nuclear waste already breaking apart allowing the radiation to escape?

4. Are you involved with the investigation of the Silkwood lawsuit against Kerr-McGee Corp.

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Also; according to Dr. John Gofman, who is undoubtedly an expert in matters concerning atomic and nuclear projects, the manuals used in teaching the safe handling of plutonium were inadequate and contained false information. Why?

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