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Gentlemen:

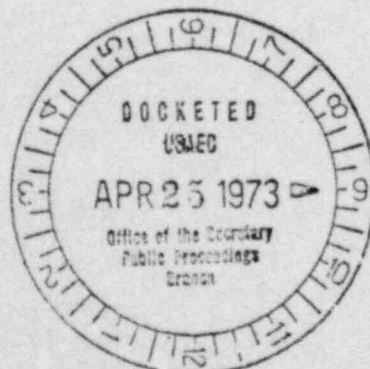
Many of us in the Midland area are concerned about the materials which are to be used in the nuclear plant here. Since the fall of 1970 when they were delivered, the metal parts for the Midland plant have been left uncoated, uncovered and unprotected in a field adjacent to the chlorine-caustic soda production unit of the Dow Chemical Company.

The atmosphere in much of the Midland area is corrosive because of effluents from Dow. Some of these effluents come from the chlorine-caustic soda production unit, which vents gases, including halogens, into the air as well as from other production units in the area.

Behind the metal parts shown in the photographs, there are between one and two acres of rusty metal components for the nuclear plant. Unfortunately it is impossible for Dow employees or the general public to photograph more of the "mothballed" equipment. Plant protection personnel at Dow take all film from anyone found with a camera in the area.

We recognize the need for high quality materials, properly handled, in nuclear plant construction to protect the safety of the public. We believe Consumers Power Company and Bechtel must be required to meet quality control standards which will mean junking the corroded equipment. Furthermore, we believe the loss, which may amount to several million dollars, should be subtracted from company profits and should not be passed on to electrical ratepayers.

Very truly yours,
Donald Smith, Chairman
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