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Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Secretary,

Radiation poisoning is a large threat to the American citizenry. Already many thousands of our countrymen have contracted radiation-induced leukemia and other forms of cancer. The number will undoubtedly increase in the near future. This public health disaster is a manifestation of a society that is possessed by a grossly inverted set of values centering around greed and lust for power. No one will be able to escape the consequences - the perpetrators included - of the worthless and destructive activity of producing radioactive nuclear wastes.

There continues to be an unbridled promotion of atomic energy by the federal government (AEC, FRC, DOD, EPA) with little regard to public health and safety. Why should power requirements double every eight years, when the population is growing at less than one percent per year? Where is evidence that some amount of radiation is a 'safe threshold'? In fact accumulating evidence suggests that any amount of radiation, delivered at any rate, can be expected to cause damage.

If we are to survive, we must realize that there is no such thing as a safe tolerance level of radiation pollution. To properly protect the public health and safety, the laws concerning nuclear wastes should read that the acceptable limit of environmental pollution is zero.

Sincerely,

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Against Radiation

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