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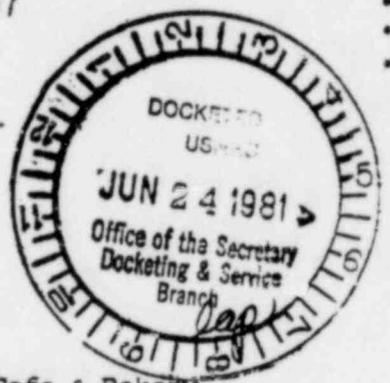
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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL



Mr. Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

I, Pete V. Cortez, President and owner of the Mi Tierra Cafe & Bakery, M.T.C., Inc., 218 Produce Row, San Antonio, Texas, 78207, write to you in full support of the South Texas Project nuclear plant.

Energy, and its sources, has become as vital to the 20th century man, as food, water, and shelter. Everything we do; heating our food, taking a bath, setting thermostats in our homes, driving our cars, watching T.V.; everything, requires energy, in one form or another.

As a businessman, I realize that as we continue to use up the sources of energy that we enjoy today, we must also look for new energy sources or replenish those that we take now. It is our responsibility today to provide for future energy for our children and the generations that follow.

How much longer will resources from which we now derive our energy last? Oil, natural gas, and coal sources are limited, finite, on our earth, and, therefore, these will be exhausted sooner or later. If energy from the sun can be made to work for us, effectively and efficiently, it could become a viable source of energy to us. Methanol, a relatively new source of energy, ironically, requires more energy in its production than it delivers. I am positive that other sources of energy will be discovered, developed, analyzed, and tested, and perhaps, found to be beneficial for man. However, we do not know how long this will take.

Nuclear energy is one form of energy that is ready now to meet our needs and demands. It is ready for our use today, and for future generations. World resources of nuclear fuel are not distributed evenly throughout, but they are better distributed than coal. It is a supply of energy, that we, the citizens of San Antonio have an opportunity to partake in by supporting and participating in the development of the South Texas Project.



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The major issue that persons who oppose nuclear energy and plants constantly argue is that of nuclear waste disposal. I strongly believe that in this day and time, scientists have the knowledge and technology to solve this problem, so that nuclear waste can be disposed of safely and efficiently. I do not feel that we should let this issue stand in the way of developing more nuclear plants. We must continue to progress, to learn from past experiences, and to develop better methods to solve this problem, but we must not threaten the use of nuclear energy for fear of something that "might happen." A nuclear accident "might happen.," so the "anti-nuclists" say. I do not believe so, not if we continue to use our technology to dispose of waste and safeguard the plants. That we "may" exhaust our fossil fuel energy sources in this generation; this I do believe because it is now a near reality.

As our populations increase and as our standards of living rise, so will our energy consumption. Nuclear energy is a viable and versatile source of energy that is virtually unlimited. Why do we spend our money searching and seeking out the last supplies of fossil fuel energy, and, why do we continue to pay the ever-increasing costs of processing these fuels, when we can share in the development of a nuclear plant that will provide limitless energy for our city.

Let us look to a positive future. Let us look at the progress we have made, including the efficiency, the safety, the practicality, in developing energy sources in the past. I firmly believe that nuclear energy is the first of our energy sources for the future. We must support the development of this, the South Texas Project nuclear plant, and other nuclear plants, for us and for the future.

Sincerely,



Pete V. Cortez
President
Mi Tierra Cafe & Bakery
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