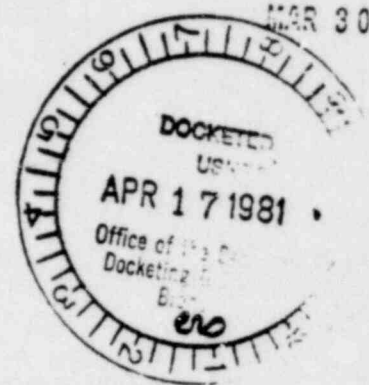


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Secretary of the Commission
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Attn: Docketing & Service Branch

Dear Sir/Madam:

While to you it may just seem like one more application to stamp, to people on the local level a nuclear power plant is a critical issue both medically and economically. To "streamline" the licensing procedure goes against any right of local citizens being able to choose, a right which is central to a democratic society.

Specifically, preventing intervenors from engaging in formal discovery with the N.R.C. staff means that facts about the plant can be suppressed by the utility. Obviously the group building the plant has the most information on it, both pro and con, and obviously they will not voluntarily release information detrimental to the granting of a license. The public has a right to have all the facts brought out before a nuclear power plant is constructed in their midst.

Finally, the granting of any kind of "interim" operating permit while hearings are still going on is totally unacceptable. Why bother to license plants at all if the whole process is just a sham? I personally believe that nuclear power is a big mistake. The licensing process, such as it is, is the only assurance I have that these plants will be built and operated within some safety parameters rather than in just the cheapest manner.

Sincerely,

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