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United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is copy of a self-explanatory letter from Mrs. Ronald Handy of Fairview Park, Ohio, concerning the proposed Davis-Besse power plant, and accompanying article forwarded by Mrs. Handy.

Your advice, to be used as basis for reply, would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Minshall

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Mr. William Minshall
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Dear Sir:

I have received many statements from you in the past telling of what you have voted for or against and the stand you have taken of certain issues. These are read and questionnaires are answered and returned. But not much changes for the good and more things arise almost daily that are, to say the least, most alarming. We seem to be asleep.....does anyone really care.....

Lake Erie is dying, some say it has, the Cuyahoga River is a fire hazard, as pointed out in the National Geographic Magazine. And yet a nuclear power station is being allowed to be built. So sure are they of their case, that they went right ahead with construction in the face of a law suit. As the attached article states, if the coalition of some 80,000 persons had not begun its intervention, their participation would have been eliminated. In other words, "The Public Be Damned".....just as long as they keep paying the taxes and don't get things too stirred up, things will be okay.

Wake up!! There is a big world out there, that one day will rise up, but i'm afraid it will be too late.

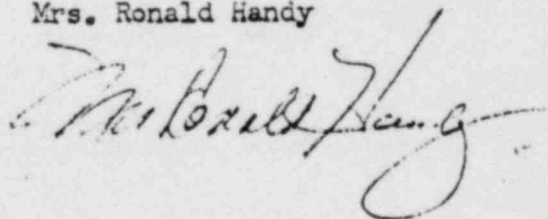
The papers are filled with daily reports (as I have attached) on terrible things and yet no one gets too excited about any of them, except if it happens on their block.

All the average citizen has is his representatives in government and in this case that is YOU! I know where you stand on most things, but how successful are you in getting you constituents to agree with you and vote accordingly??????????

And there lies the whole point of the letter.

Mrs. Ronald Handy

Lake Erie pollution
+ Davis - ~~Brown~~



A-Plant Opponents Block Plans to Recess Hearing

By William D. McCann
Staff Writer

PORT CLINTON — A public hearing on the proposed Davis-Besse nuclear power station, scheduled to be recessed yesterday for 19 days, was revived again in a surprise mov by a Cleveland-based Coalition for Safe Nuclear Power, which seeks to block construction of the plant.

The coalition, representing some 80,000 persons in conservation and other organizations, began its cross-examination of utility company witnesses late yesterday afternoon in a last-ditch attempt to present its case. If the coalition had not begun its intervention, it would have virtually been eliminated from direct participation in the case.

In addition, the coalition revealed it had contacted radiation expert Dr. Ernest J. Sternglass of the University of Pittsburgh. Sternglass, who has spoken before congressional committees on possible dangers of nuclear radiation, is expected to appear as a witness for the coalition today.

IT ALSO WAS disclosed that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, conducting the hearing here, is dissatisfied with utility company assurances that testing of projectiles and ordnance and firing exercises of military

aircraft flying over the area will not affect plant safety.

Utility company officials said they had been assured by military officials at Camp Perry nearby that there would be no problem. But Walter T. Skallerup Jr., board chairman, said such assurances should come from the secretary of defense or a top aide.

The board, appointed by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), is considering an application for a permit to build the \$270-million plant on the Lake Erie shore just west of Port Clinton. Toledo Edison Co. and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. are seeking the permit.

EARLIER YESTERDAY, the board granted two other interveners, Glenn Lau, a sportsman who lives near the plantsite, and LIFE, a student group from Bowling Green State University, a delay until Jan. 25 to prepare their cases against the plant.

The coalition, which has been hampered by lack of funds, was given no delay and it appeared it was not ready to bring in scientific witnesses or present an extensive case.

The coalition lawyer Russell Baron announced he would proceed with cross-examination with the aid of Dr. Owen Davies, a Lake-

wood engineer and representative of the Cleveland Audubon Society.

Most of those at the hearing, including board members and AEC experts, indicated earlier yesterday that the meeting would recess and resume Jan. 25. Most out-of-towners had checked out of hotels and made reservations for flights out. Some utility company consultants had left town.

The afternoon session began with testimony from engineers from Bechtel Corp., Babcock and Wilcox and Toledo Edison. They gave technical reports on the safety of the plant in answer to contentions the plant would be a hazard. The engineers were backed by statements from AEC experts.

Bechtel is building the plant, Babcock and Wilcox the nuclear reactor and associated equipment.

Howard Wahl, Bechtel engineer, said the plant is being built with one of the most advanced radiation containment systems in the nuclear industry.

Lowell Roe, chief mechanical engineer for Toledo Edison, said the plant is designed to withstand earthquakes, tornadoes or even a stray projectile from military testing activities.

Tests have shown, he said, that the maximum penetration of a shell would be about 17 inches. But the 2½-foot thick concrete walls shielding the reactor would prevent any such projectile from reaching the containment vessel and releasing "significant" amounts of radiation, he said.

Skallerup declared proof of safety in properly controlling ordnance testing and aircraft overflights was "inadequate." He said the question could be resolved by getting adequate assurances "from top officials at the Department of Defense."

The companies are not expected to have trouble get-

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