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Congressional Liaison  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Congressional Liaison:

A constituent has written me concerning a matter which falls within the jurisdiction of your agency.

I refer this matter to your office for a preliminary examination. I would appreciate receiving your comments, in duplicate, together with the return of the correspondence.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*John C. Danforth*  
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Senator Danford,

It has come to my attention by way of the news media that Missouri has issued a permit to the Callaway Nuclear Plant to dump radioactive material into the Missouri river. I find this absolutely incredible! As a citizen of this country and the state of Missouri I must speak of my concern for this unfortunate misuse of our environment! Dumping even very small amounts of radioactive material into our river system will affect every citizen of this state in some way no matter how small! you hear arguments about the need for energy and jobs. I agree,

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but until we are able to safely dispose of our wastes this is not the form of energy we need. What good is a high paying job if it takes years off your life or the life of a member of your family?

As Service Chairperson for the Pettis County Chapter of the American Cancer Society I know that a majority of all cancer cases are believed to be environmentally related! When will this wasting of lives stop? We have to start somewhere. Why not right here in our own state?

I have two beautiful little girls that I want to grow up and be able to enjoy the same natural environment that I have enjoyed. Have you ever seen anyone waste away to someone you don't even recognize from the pain and suffering of cancer? I have. It is

absolutely heart breaking!

I beg of you as a mother, wife, nurse, Christian and citizen of this great country to consider the path you are leading your fellow citizens down. Its not too late to start putting the destiny of your fellow man first.

My husband, Gary, is Presiding Judge of Pettis County and he agrees with me 100%. We plan to watch this situation closely and do everything we can to ensure that our children have a clean and healthy environment to live in.



I am sending copies of this letter to other officials I feel should be concerned for Missouri's environment

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and the health of its citizens.

Sincerely,  
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