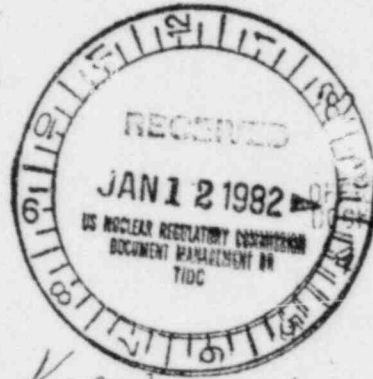


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Dear Mr. Palladino:

I would like to let you know my views  
about some issues relating to nuclear  
fission reactors.

First let me indicate that I loudly applaud  
your revoking Diablo Canyon's license!!  
That move was the only correct one,  
in my opinion.

Secondly, I am concerned about some bills  
that are currently in the Senate and  
in the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 1662 calls for the establish-  
ment of temporary, away-from-the-reactor  
storage facilities at Hartwell, South  
Carolina, West Valley, N.Y., and Morris, Illinois.

I am against this bill because it ignores  
both the rights of the states and the

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public to participate in the selection of nuclear waste disposal sites.

In addition to this denial of rights, I fear that the nuclear power industry is attempting to pull the wool over the public's eyes, and, I fear, over the NRC. You see, the proposals are being called "temporary demonstration projects", so they do not need to be licensed by the NRC.

But suppose the nuclear industry later quietly converted these sites into large-scale permanent waste-disposal areas? What do you think of this bill, and of toxic waste disposal in general?

Two bills in the House of Representatives, HR 2840 and HR 1901, I am told, would undermine

the program to identify the safest possible permanent disposal sites.

These bills, and others which we will see in the future, are crucial. There must not be any "short-cuts" in the process of finding truly safe disposal sites for nuclear waste. For if the nuclear industry can not find a safe way to dispose of its toxic and highly lethal wastes, what right has it to build another reactor?

Thank you for hearing my concerns.  
Please reply if time permits you.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Katz