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The Chairman  
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Dear Sir (and other members of the commission):

I have just read in the Ft. Myers News-Press that you are considering waiving the rules and letting construction begin on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor before the environmental studies have been completed.

Why do you even consider this illegal and irresponsible action? Why do you consistently side with industrial companies whose only goal is making money, and not live up to the reason for which you were created (as a commission), i.e., regulating the nuclear industry for the purpose of protecting the public?

In January of 1979 the Union of Concerned Scientists <sup>noted</sup> ~~pointed~~ out in a news release that 16 <sup>nuclear</sup> plants in the U.S. were dangerous and should be closed until their faults could be corrected. One of those plants was TMI. In the 3 months that elapsed between the warning and the accident, you did nothing--and see what a terrible burden that has placed on thousands of Pa. citizens--what increased utility costs--what psychological damage to parents and children--what losses in business--what uprooting and emotional and physical stress <sup>was</sup> put on those who either left central Pa. or who would like to ~~sell~~ and get out--but who can't.

Before you have even solved this one comparatively simple problem, you are now ready, it seems, to involve the public in horrendously greater possibilities of financial, economical, psychological and health risks. I say "simple" because the damage that could be done by an accident to, or a terrorist attack upon, a breeder reactor is so very much greater than whatever would occur from an accident in a standard nuclear power reaction. As many people know, a nuclear reactor produces 400-500 lbs. of plutonium a year; whereas a working breeder reactor will involve the use of 2,000 tons per year!

You are simply not using ordinary common sense to go ahead with the production of such a potentially lethal and patently costly project until all environmental studies are in. Politically, it is also extremely foolish and hazardous. Since our government cannot control even yet the influx into this country of little planes carrying thousands of pounds of marijuana, how can we be sure some little terrorist plane wouldn't drop an ordinary bomb on it and blow it up? Since it takes only 1 picocurie of plutonium in a person's lung to give him or her lung cancer, the release of all the plutonium (or even one-tenth of the plutonium in a breeder reactor) could conceivably affect all the people in

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