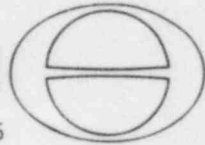


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The Honorable Nunzio Palladino, Chair
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Clinch River Breeder Reactor

June 12, 1982

Dear Chairman Palladino:

We write to you out of concern for proper consideration of the licensing of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. Environmental Action, on behalf of our 25,000 members, hereby formally requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issue an updated supplement to the 1977 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor project. Further we request that a draft version of the update supplement be circulated for comments to our organization and others for comment.

We make this formal request because we believe that many aspects of the CRBR project and our nation's knowledge about nuclear power have changed since 1977.

Major changes in the design of the reactor vessel and fuel core have occurred and must be considered.

Certainly, the ongoing accident at Three Mile Island has implications and lessons to be learned. TMI demonstrated the need for increased attention to human error and the all too real risks of serious accidents previously considered incredible. TMI provided graphic examples for the need to revise emergency preparedness and reactor siting criteria.

Further, since 1977, the Commission has made major changes in its regulations concerning accident risk reduction, radiation protection, and transportation of radioactive material.

In view of these important new circumstances and information, we believe that it is necessary to significantly supplement the Final EIS for CRBR. All the relevant facts must be disclosed to the public and considered by the Commission. Without a supplement, the Commission will be relying on outdated and discredited

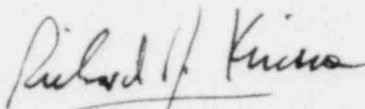
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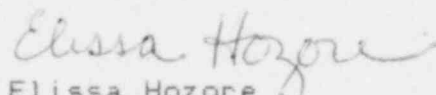
information in making its licensing decision. The history of breeder reactor accidents requires that the Commission fully exercise its obligation to protect the public health and safety.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

In peace,



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