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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Enclosed please find my personal comments to you on NRC 0683. While availing myself of the right to comment, I wish to protest to the Commission the ineffectiveness of this type of procedure.

I have been present at hearings, have written letters, have read documents and so on since the Three Mile Island accident occurred. Other than giving those who are concerned a chance to ineffectively "blow off steam" these procedures have no relevance to your decision making process. Our comments are not of any visible importance. The questions we raise are never answered, and they are left hanging in some never-never land.

This is understandable in the sense that you are more expert in the field than the general public. It is not understandable when your actions limit my constitutional rights, when your decision makes my life less important than another citizen's.

I do not think that any of you intended this accident to be a lesson in civil disobedience. You did not intend that public comment proved to those who commented that their views were to be ignored. You did not intend to convince the public that regulatory agencies make decisions based on the interests of those agencies groups with whom they work. You did not intend to be a violator of the public good.

I heard the Chairman of NRC tell a House Committee last May you do not know what to do with the demand of the public to be involved. I agree, you do not know how to handle it. What we are learning is to distrust our government, to move away instead of reforming the process, and to realize that we can not afford to have our day in court or in an administrative hearing.

No country based on the rule of law and the consent of the governed can long abide with such a situation.

Sincerely yours

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