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Judge James L. Kelley
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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Dear Judge Kelley:

I have two questions which relate to my status as an intervenor in the licensing procedure for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

First, how will I know when the final environmental impact statement (to which I am to respond) has been issued? Will I be sent some sort of notification by either you or CP & L?

Second, will you send me cancer mortality statistics appropriate to those areas which are impacted by their proximity to operating nuclear power plants? If your agency does not have these figures for the years since the plants have been in operation, would you tell me where I can write for them. As I contemplate my role as a responsible and fair intervenor, I am wondering how I (or anyone) can speak with any authority about the effect of low-level radiation being released into the environment over a long period of time unless we have mortality statistics to compare plant to plant. I feel sure that these figures are available, but I do not at this time know where I can locate them. If you cannot give me these figures because you don't have them, would you tell me how the utility can make the argument that cancer rates will not go up appreciably or that intervenors can make the case that they will? It seems to me that what is at stake is too important to omit consideration of comparative data.

I appreciate your answers to my questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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