

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 4, 1971

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Jeff Bready, of Brownville, Nebraska. Mrs. Bready is concerned about the possible dangers from the Cooper Nuclear Power Plant now under construction.

We would appreciate a full report in this matter, in as non-technical fashion as is possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Hruska
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Enclosure

DE. 3015

1239
Brownville, Nebraska
December 24, 1970

Senator Carl Curtis,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Curtis,

I am in search of some specific information that I hope you can help me get.

We live just 1500 feet under the dispersal tower of the Cooper Nuclear Power Plant now under construction near Brownville, Nebraska. We make our living farming and feeding cattle 1000 feet under this tower. This puts us in a very uncomfortable position - thousands and thousands of words have been written about whether or not the radioactive waste products from these huge plants will be a health hazard to those who live in the vicinity of these plants - and I think I've read most of the words. I must admit that the "no threshold linear" concept of Drs. Tamplin and Gofman makes much more sense than the "benefits vs. risks" theory the AEC has built their billion dollar industry upon.

What I am trying to find out is what our expected millirem level of radiation will be when this plant becomes operational. Certainly around these plants will be a belt of higher radiation, and with our adverse weather conditions we will see "not normal dilution" much of the time.

To me, the question seems simple, but you wouldn't believe the ridiculous riddles I get for answers - instead of fact the AEC and the FRC are masters of riddles - and evasive.

Can you find out for me about this belt of higher radiation and just what we can expect?

I am wondering about the possibility of criminal intent - to force my children to become guinea pigs in an experiment of this magnitude. The pollutant from this plant will be a known pollutant - riddles do not lead one to confidence.

I am extremely concerned - I have a right to be. I also have the right to expect specific answers, the decision of whether or not we stay here and take the risks involved has to be made by us, not someone in a back office in Washington.

sincerely,

Mrs. Jeff Broady
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