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July 28, 1982

Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

It is my understanding that in the near future the NRC will act on the latest application by the Department of Energy to bypass the normal nuclear licensing procedures for the Clinch River Breeder project.

Serving on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Interior Committee has allowed me the opportunity to study in-depth many nuclear policy issues. One such issue is the development of breeder technology, especially as it relates to the Clinch River demonstration project. In reviewing the Clinch River project, both from a technological and a fiscal standpoint, I have come to the conclusion that the Clinch River project is unnecessary from an energy policy standpoint and further is an imprudent expenditure of taxpayer money. Evidently, many of my Colleagues agree with my assessment; witness the vote by 186 members last year to delete funding for the Clinch River project.

Despite the Congressional concerns as expressed by the House vote, we are now witnessing an attempt by DOE to bypass normal licensing procedures in an effort to speed up the project's construction, which after 10 years, has yet to begin in earnest. I have seen no compelling reason for the Commission to agree to this request, especially in view of the fact that the Commission has twice previously turned down similar DOE licensing exemption applications. As you are probably aware, efforts are being undertaken in the NRC Authorization legislation to provide for reforms in the nuclear licensing process. Approval of the exemption would fly in the face of these efforts to enact credible reforms. Given the repeated attempts at licensing speed-up by DOE, I believe the Commission's acceptance at this time would set a poor precedent by which to judge the future exemption requests of other parties.

I urge the Commission to reject the Department of Energy's licensing exemption request.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Bruce F. Vento
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Member of Congress

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The Honorable Bill Hendon
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hendon:

Thank you for your July 7, 1982 letter requesting information on a constituent's behalf concerning NRC's environmental assessment of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant.

There have been a number of changes pertinent to this assessment that have occurred since the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant Environmental Statement (NUREG-0139) was issued in February 1977. We have been assessing these changes and their environmental significance from the time licensing activities for the Clinch River Plant were resumed in the fall of 1981. The results of that assessment will be documented in a report which is scheduled to be issued soon.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

William J. Dircks
Executive Director
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Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a request that I recently received from my constituent, Rubin Falk.

In order to respond to my constituent, I would appreciate any information that you could furnish to my Washington staff.

Your prompt attention in this matter is deeply appreciated and I, sincerely, thank you for your efforts.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

BILL HENDON
Member of Congress
from Western North Carolina

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Enclosure

Reply 7/21/82

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*request to
contact NRC.*

Mr. Falk is with the Carolinians for Safe Energy group and he would like for Mr. Hendon to contact Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman of NRC regarding Clinch River Breeder Reactor. He wants NRC to issue a draft supplement to the final environmental impact statement so he can circulate it.

MILLICENT FENWICK
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July 16, 1982

Mr. Nunzio Palladino
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Palladino:

I understand that the Department of Energy has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct site preparations for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. It is my contention that this project is unneeded, outmoded and unjustifiable.

As you may know, I was among the ninety-one House Members who signed a letter to President Reagan requesting that federal funding be withdrawn for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. I have little doubt that support for this project in the House is as scant as the tenable arguments in favor of this project. The assumptions that launched the plan to construct a demonstration breeder reactor have proven inaccurate. Consequently, I see no reason to pursue this unworthy pork barrel project. It is my hope that the NRC will reject the Department of Energy request and help our taxpayers save two and one half billion dollars.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Millie Fenwick
MILLICENT FENWICK
Member of Congress

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