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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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The Honorable Warren Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Magnuson:

Thank you for your recent letter enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Moe Hamilton, concerning the nuclear power plant under construction at Satsop, Washington.

Your constituent is referring to the two-unit nuclear facility being built by the Washington Public Power Supply System near Satsop. Construction permits were issued by the NRC in April 1978 after safety design and environmental reviews and after public hearings conducted by an independent Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

The construction site is visited regularly by NRC inspectors and the licensee is required to maintain a vigorous quality assurance program. WPPSS has not yet applied for licenses to operate the two units, which will not be completed until the mid-1980's. When WPPSS does apply, there will be an opportunity for concerned citizens who may be affected by the facility to request a public hearing and to raise any concerns which they may have.

I hope that this information will be helpful in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammer
for Carlton Kammer, Director
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