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Gentlemen:

I have thoroughly digested an extensive article in the June 24, 1984 Phila. Inquirer entitled, "How Nuclear Industry Frustrates Itself", by Steve Stecklow, staff writer.

Many questions come to mind from this article, and I hope they can be answered, without equivocation, before the opening of the nuclear plant at Limerick, Pa.

1. It is the observation of many people that private utilities do not register the proper control or discipline that the volatile nuclear energy industry requires.

The above mentioned article cites case after case of blunders.

2. It is my observation that nuclear energy production must be put in the most capable hands and probably should be federally run entirely.

3. How can concerned citizens be sure that technical data supplied by PE does not contain errors such as occurred at the nuclear station at Grand Gulf, Mississippi?

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4. Since records reveal that other utility companies have used phony qualification records for plant employees, how can we be sure that PE isn't doing the same?
5. Substandard steel was used at one of the troubled nuclear installations. How can we be sure that substandard steel has not been used by PE?
6. Bad welding occurred at a troubled nuclear installation. What assurance do concerned citizens have that bad welds have not ~~been~~ ^{occurred} at Limerick?
7. Both the generator and sprinkler system at Grand Gulf nuclear plant did not function. Does Limerick have the same systems?
8. How can we know, with certainty, that plant operators meet Federal requirements? Also, how can we know they have been properly examined?
9. What assurances do we have that Limerick will withstand an earthquake?

10. Has PE submitted her technical specifications? How can we be sure they don't have errors?
11. How can we be sure PE hasn't destroyed reports of its safety problems?
12. Mexhacton School District is at least partially in the EPZ zone, yet present evacuation plans call for the district, itself, to host itself.

Also, a supposed drill will be conducted by PE July 25. However, I question the validity of this timing since school is not in session and the school population is critical in a nuclear emergency.

No license should be granted until adequate drills have taken place and training has been given.

Sincerely,
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