

Ivan Selin
Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Selin:

May this message reach the powers that be and significant others. We realize that you have an agenda to continue and expand nuclear energy operations around the world, specifically in the U.S. We are aware of the lack of vision, wisdom, and courage this administration has shown in dealing with the pressing issues of energy policy, pollution control, and natural resource management. We are also aware of the limitations imposed upon the general public and the scientific community to affect the policy decisions of this administration and the N.R.C. agenda. Nevertheless, I thank you for the March 17 hearing outcome to keep the Sequoyah Fuels uranium conversion facility, located at the mouth of the Illinois River on the Arkansas River, near Gore, Oklahoma, CLOSED...as it should be, and cleaned up. We know this will be a long, sophisticated, dangerous task. All the more reason to get on with it. The closure and cleanup of other nuclear fuels conversion, energy, and waste facilities around the country will demonstrate the vision and courage of this United States.

Certainly if you are in touch with the great majority of all Americans, then you know we don't want to be exposed to contamination. You know we don't want to continue to leave a legacy of toxic waste sites to future generations. You and I still have a choice, and I believe an obligation, to facilitate a future with respect to the natural environment and our various roles of stewardship on this Earth, our world. At the same time we must find ways to coexist with one-another, provide for ourselves and our children. Alternative forms of energy will become feasible and practical only when adequately facilitated by government and investment. Any government or leader in our time is faced with balancing public and private interests. We need energy in both the public and private sectors of society. That's a fact. What we use, how we use it, and how we discard of it is more than a fact. It is our way of life.

The various ways we process and provide for ourselves and each other will tell a story about our collective knowledge and how we choose to use or deny our knowledge. This will also be a story of our faith in ourselves, each other and our Creator. The whole story will be passed on to future generations, not just what sounds nice and looks good. The greed, the lies, and the toxic waste will continue to creep into the future until you stop the denial process and begin to change your energy and conservation agenda. Energy, consumption habits, health, economy, natural environment, clean air and cars, safe water and toxic chemicals, justice, courage, vision and leadership, hope and freedom are interwoven aspects of our world today. There is simply no more space or time for dirty industry. We ask our children to tell the truth and clean up their messes. Now you must demonstrate that you can admit a mistake and clean up after yourself. Only then will you be respected by the people of this land.

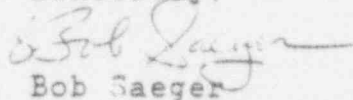
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We know there are alternatives to coal and nuclear power plants. We also know the transition to cleaner, healthier forms of energy and consumption will take time, discipline, work and organization. There will be sacrifices made by those who are willing and able to give what we can. This is how the U.S.A. must respond to the state of affairs concerning energy policy and the natural environment. When given the opportunity the people of this great country have responded with enthusiasm to crisis after crisis. The situation with the staggering health of our planet is intricately tied to our energy derivatives and consumption habits, as well as the overpopulation problem.

With no vision of health and happiness people naturally lose faith in themselves and their leadership. This phenomenon is happening now in the wealthiest nation on earth and we don't think it's necessary or desired by the majority of Americans. The N.R.C. could better serve this country by actually regulating the nuclear industry with the health of the public and our environment as a priority. The fact is there are financial considerations given to individuals and private corporations which seem to take precedence over health and environmental concerns of the people of this country. The relationship between the Sequoyah Fuels facility, General Atomics, Kerr McGee, Mr. Blue, and Pres. Bush are a case in point. This is what we know to be true, this is unacceptable to the majority of Americans and this abuse of power is, in my opinion, the major contributor to the disparity between the general public and the existing power structure in the United States today.

I grew up in the beautiful hill country of eastern Oklahoma, by the Illinois River near Tahlequah. I've spent much time and effort getting to know the land and the people in this ecosystem. I know of many people who have been and are being contaminated as a direct result of the operations of the Sequoyah Fuels Co. I am aware of the damage to the natural environment around this facility; but like you or any other Earthling I am unable to predict the long-term extent of the poisoning of people, animals, plants, soils, waters and the very air we breath. I do not seek power over anyone. I mean no harm to anyone or anything in God's creation. I do value our economy, both private and public. I am not TAKING jobs away from anyone, and hope for the day when I can create jobs for people. I am speaking out for a way of life which the majority of people throughout the world want to pass on to the future. I am a voting, productive, concerned citizen of this land and of this society. I want to THANK YOU again for keeping this facility CLOSED.

Sincerely,


Bob Saeger

P.S. I've prayed about this matter for years...God says he'll help, but only when we really try to do the right thing. "Righteous" means right-use, and there is a RIGHT way to USE the earth without destroying her.

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