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Dear Mr. Scarano,

I have recently become aware of changes being proposed by utilities with nuclear operating licenses that will affect their commitment and responsibility regarding security requirements at their facilities. I am opposed to any reduction in security requirements at nuclear facilities, and feel any reduction will increase potential acts of sabotage. This places the public health and safety at a great risk. Security needs to be up-graded significantly in order to deal with potential existing threats. Your agency, including yourself, has a duty to protect public health and safety.

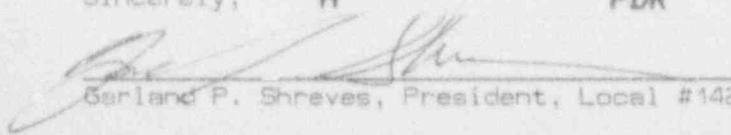
I believe this proposal is a sad and pathetic ploy by the utility industry to attempt to avoid its promises to protect the public against acts of sabotage at their facilities. If the NRC permits utilities to avoid their commitments on the basis of expense, one should ask: where will it end? at what cost to the public? I am asking the NRC to prevent the utility industry from making any change that would decrease security effectiveness. To allow such changes would be reckless and a total disregard for public health and safety.

I am requesting to be made aware of any public hearings being held by the NRC dealing with this issue that I might have the privilege of speaking out against degrading the security of our region's nuclear plants. I would also like to propose changes in the public's best interest which would increase security at nuclear facilities. I am also requesting the NRC to hold a public meeting in my community prior to allowing Arizona Public Service Co. to lower its security standard requirements.

Remember, a very basic concept of life is "the time to prepare and protect is now," not later. Protect the public from corporate greed and selfish interest.

Sincerely,

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