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Congress of the United States  
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Ms. Shirley Ann Jackson  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Jackson

I am writing to request your assistance regarding a situation at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Ohio that was brought to my attention by a constituent.

Apparently, Toledo Edison has decided to eliminate a meteorologist position responsible for the analysis of meteorological data used in models for the evaluation and assessment of radiological releases from the plant. I am concerned that the elimination of this position may pose a threat to employees at the plant and to the surrounding population. I would appreciate it if you could look into this decision and let me know if it does pose a safety concern. A copy of my constituent's letter is enclosed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Marcy Kaptur*  
MARCY KAPTUR  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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July 31, 1997

Congresswoman Kaptur  
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Dear Congresswoman Kaptur,

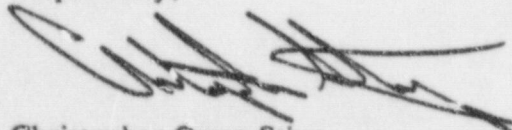
I have a safety concern regarding the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, located in Oak Harbor, Ohio. As part of a recent reorganization and downsizing, my position as an Environmental and Safety Specialist was eliminated. My specific responsibilities were to manage the meteorological program as outlined in Regulatory Guides 1.23, 1.111 and 1.21 as well as CFR 10.50 and ANSI 2.5. As a meteorologist it was my duty to collect, review, analyze, validate, report and disseminate meteorological data which was used in the evaluation and assessment of radioactive releases both routine and non-routine. With the elimination of this position no qualified personnel are trained or contracted to review and validate this important data.

I made these concerns known at the time of my severance to the Davis-Besse Ombudsman and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III. Both organizations insist that no validation or verification is required other than the semi-annual meteorological sensor calibration. I find this position absurd and unsafe. Radioactive dispersion calculations are only as good as the data that backs them up. No matter whom Davis-Besse places in charge of meteorological monitoring they must be concerned and trained to validate and verify meteorological data—that person does not exist at Davis-Besse nor at the sister plant Perry.

I write this letter to you, asking for your office to investigate this situation. I am not trying to be vindictive to my ex-employer; just concerned that a program which serves the public safety be held to the highest level.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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