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Dr. R. Lowenstein
Division of Licensing & Regulation
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, DC

185 Hill Road
Berkeley, Calif.
May 20, 1963

Dear Dr. Lowenstein,

Thank you for your letter of May 8 in which you supply information on the membership of the ACRS and the Safety & Licensing Board.

I would now like to ask some further questions about the ACRS.

1. What do you consider to be the special qualifications of Williams, Rogers and Stratton for appointment to the ACRS ?
2. Can you advise me if Silverman, Geyer, Howe, Newson or Thompson have ever been the direct or indirect, through the Universities or institutions with which they are associated, recipient of grants or contracts for research, teaching or any other purpose, from the AEC ?
3. How many members of the present staff of the ACRS have previously served as consultants or advisors to the AEC ?

I look forward with interest to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Neillands

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.
For the Chairman

1921 Geary Drive
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The Editor
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Dear Sir:

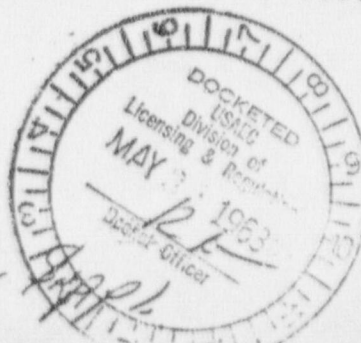
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It is clear from the attitudes and actions of officials of Sonoma County who are directly concerned with the PG&E atomic plant issue at Bodega Bay that the majority of them consistently feel that the existing agencies--Federal and State--are unconditionally qualified to give the absolute and final word as to the safety hazards involved in possible radiation exposure to the community due to various causes from the contemplated atomic power plant. They feel that the Federal Atomic Energy Commission and the State Agency for Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection both have the undivided authority of qualified scientists to help formulate an indisputable decision as to the degree of safety preserved in the surrounding environment from possible radiation exposure from the atomic plant at Bodega Bay.

Those who are better informed, however, warn us that:

1. The general and specific subject of radiation is so broad and successive developments so dynamic that research has only scratched the surface in exploring its properties and highly controversial consequences. Authorized scientists differ so markedly on the polemics of dangers through exposure to radiation that opinions can be found to support any point of view in this regard projected by either the Federal Atomic Energy Commission or the State Agency for Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection. Scientists seem to agree on only one point: exposure to any amount of radiation beyond that to which humans are exposed through natural cosmic conditions is dangerous. They disagree on the extent of danger.
2. Absolute and final decision as to dangers to the community from possible exposure to radiation from one of several possible causes from the atomic power plant proposed for construction at Bodega Bay cannot possibly reflect unbiased opinion due to conflict of interest as a result of dual responsibilities of both the Atomic Energy Commission on the Federal level and the Agency for Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection on the State level to (a) develop atomic energy in its industrial and military capacity and (b) protect the citizens of the United States from exposure to radiation.



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This conflict has been the subject for loud and extensive criticism throughout the nation for many years--but change in a democracy takes place slowly and many similar anachronisms cause untold trouble before correction takes place.

Thus, only now has a long overdue bill to separate the conflicting functions and responsibilities (AB 1989) passed the California Assembly--it is currently being considered in the Senate. This bill would put California far ahead of other states in radiation protection. Only similar action in Massachusetts would come close. On a Federal level, dichotomy of duty of the Atomic Energy Commission renders any decisions regarding hazards of radiation invalid.

3. Irrevocable exposure of any persons to the dangers of radiation from any sources other than natural ones constitutes a profound moral issue with far-reaching implications affecting all dimensions of man's existence, a moral issue which has been receiving the constant attention and serious consideration of such great thinkers as Schweitzer and Einstein. Subjecting mankind to the dangers of radiation from any sources other than natural ones is a transgression against basic and intrinsic individual rights.

While outcries of protest throughout the world seem useless in the juggernaut of scientific progress we must all let our voices be heard.

Very truly yours,

Virginia O'Hourke
(Mrs.) Virginia O'Hourke

CC: Senator Joseph Rattigan
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Ltr. acknowledging our ltr. of 5-8-63 which provided requested info on ACRS & Licensing Board membership AND REQUESTING TO BE ADVISED OF SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS IF ENCLOSURES:		C. Edwards	5-23	<i>[Signature]</i>
WILLIAMS, ROGERS AND STRATTON FOR APPOINTMENT TO ACRS, ETC.		w/ORIGINAL FOR ACTION		
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