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October 5, 1999

Mr. Dennis Rathbun  
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Enclosed please find additional information received from Mr. John M. Sherman regarding his concerns about the Farley Nuclear Plant. It is requested that this new information be given appropriate consideration when evaluating his case.

In the event my office may be of further assistance, please contact Karen Daniel at (404)347-2202. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Coverdell  
United States Senator

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Karen Daniel  
Constituent Services Representative

Dear Karen,

Thanks you for help concerning the Farley Nuclear Plant .The letter from Mr. Muralia/Travers/Rathbun gave us nothing new and actually distorted the search for truth of the situation. I enclose it here with for easy reference.

Refer to item 2 first page. He never answers how long it must cool down . He merely says it takes 18 hour to shut the plant down. Please ask him how long it takes to cool the reactor and/or fuel. If you get an answer significantly longer than 18 hours then he is playing games with you and speaking in Clintonese .

He goes on to explain away "Y2K ready" and "Y2K compliant". Y2K ready simply means **FIX ON FAILURE**. We do not need nuclear failure. My thrust here is that the cool down needs auxiliary power. This is provided first by the electrical grid and if that goes down then by diesel engines. Diesel engines with nuclear power plants have a 15% failure rate before Y2K problems. If this plant needs to be shut down then it needs to be done now so it can be cooled with up and running power plants. This applies to all plants in the U.S.

If you think the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is regulating then read the enclosed newspaper article on the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Kentucky.

Karen , **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** here. Please seek the answer to this cool down time. This could be the most important letter you have ever been associated with. As prevailing winds go ,Coverdale might lose all of his constituents in Albany, Columbus, Macon and Atlanta.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Sherman