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NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I have many concerns about the effectiveness of the NRC in regulating the Nuclear Power Industry so that American citizens are not under unnecessary threat and risk. Top of my list is the current request for doubling its storage of spent fuel at CP & L's Shearon Harris plant in New Hill, N.C., 8 miles from where I live. I hope to see the NRC decide wisely, but all that I have learned about its past regulatory history is not reassuring. Too many accidents and oversights, the most glaring being its giving the Three Mile Island plant a green light just before it partially melted down in the late 70s. Another current concern is that there is no clear evidence that the nuclear plants around the country are for sure ready for the Y-2K changeover.

Then there is this matter of using nuclear waste to make household items like cookware, eating utensils, eyeglass frames, zippers, computer batteries, jewelry, food cans and containers, braces for teeth, or anything made with metal. This is crazy. And you yourself estimate that it might cause 92,755 additional cancer deaths!

We don't want nuclear waste recycled. Period. Nor released, cleared, deregulated, exempted, generally licensed, designated "de minimis," unimportant or BRC (below regulatory concern" or by any other means allowed out of nuclear facilities and into the marketplace or the environment, at any level.

Once it is out, how can anyone control or know anything? We would hope that we are still living in a democracy, not in a totalitarian state where citizens' concerns are not relevant.

You have, as I'm sure you know--do you?--a very serious responsibility to the citizens of our country to prevent harm from nuclear pollution. Is this another money-saving/money-making scheme that is to kill off Americans because the corporations are greedy? Is this the way our American democracy is to end? Death by nuclear pollution which could have been avoided if the NRC had done its job?

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Please do yours!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Judy Hogan

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