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NRC Chairman Richard Meserve  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

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RE: Nuclear Plant Hatch, Baxley, GA

Dear Chairman Meserve:

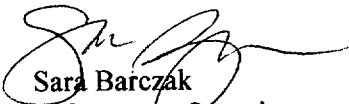
Campaign for a Prosperous Georgia is alarmed by the forced shutdown of the Unit #1 reactor at nuclear Plant Hatch near Baxley, GA that occurred on January 26, 2000. This historically unsafe nuclear power plant came too close to putting workers, the public, and the environment of Georgia at great risk. In addition, we are outraged that the only notification that occurred was reported under the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Daily Event Report website. The first recognizable public notices and media statements occurred a full week after the incident at Plant Hatch.

As a consumer utility watchdog and concerned, non-profit and environmental organization, we demand that the public be informed promptly and factually of all accidents, violations, and circumstances at Plant Hatch that may cause harm to the public, plant workers, or the natural environment. The aging Plant Hatch has ongoing groundwater problems, a cracked core shroud, and a mounting waste problem near the banks of the Altamaha River.

The NRC should not allow the construction of a high-level nuclear waste storage facility at Plant Hatch or grant a potential proposal by The Southern Company to extend the plant's license. Plant Hatch needs to be shut down and replaced with a safe energy supply for the region.

Thank you for your consideration and evaluation of our concerns. We await a response and can be contacted at (404) 659-5675.

Respectfully,

  
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Safe Energy Organizer  
Campaign for a  
Prosperous Georgia

cc: Governor Roy Barnes

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