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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The use by some opponents of nuclear power of terms like “Chernobyl on the Chesapeake” is a baseless scare tactic to intimidate residents which ignores the enormous conceptual design differences between the Chernobyl reactors and reactors in the USA.

Calvert Cliffs 1&2 have proven to be very good County neighbors; well-run, efficient and non-polluting sources of electricity, as well as a financial boon to Calvert County. Their industrial profile is low, while their community involvement is high.

There is no end in sight to our rapidly expanding population – everywhere, not just in Calvert County – which means there is no end in sight for increasing energy demands. Alternative energy sources would be welcome but, so far, they are technologically inadequate to meet demand.

I support the addition of a third unit to Calvert Cliffs, especially if a passive-safety design is used. Such a design was not available when Units 1&2 were built, but has been in development for decades, and should be ready for use by now.

However, to be more accepted by the US society, the nuclear industry must solve the nuclear waste disposal issue, its most prominent Achilles heel. Any attempt at renewing or expanding nuclear power as a source of electricity would be greatly advanced if this issue finally were settled after decades of debate without resolution. If the industry is to renew or expand, now is the time to finally settle the waste disposal issue, both technically and socially.

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