Mary Celeste Harris

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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I am writing in reference to your order of December 20, 2005, declaring the emergency operation of Newel's Potomac River Generating Station next door to me.

You were probably not given all the facts by your staff when you made this decision. I see that your order is concerned with "environmental exceedances". But from my vantage point, you've not exercised your authority to prevent these exceedances from having immediate and direct health impacts.

You can prevent this by giving me — the people who are directly and immediately impacted by downwash of emissions into our homes — advance notice and relocation when this plant operates.

The reason this plant closed was not just because of high emissions beyond the national ambient health standards, but because the stacks are so short that emissions come directly into our homes. Please take the time to review
The facts and scientific studies and models that have been done on the
downwind from these smokestacks.

We've had 3 deaths, 4 pulmonary attacks and numerous hospital visits
related to the emissions from this
plant in the year before it closed.

Your order constitutes a public health
emergency for an electric reliability
emergency. We in Mascot, Towner and
North Redtown Alexandria have become
acceptable collateral damage for
DTE, DTE, and RVCS. This is wrong!

Suggest you to reconsider your
order. Please modify it or
receive it, I beg you.

Sincerely

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