Nuclear power control deficient

trols are less stringent than those independent review of certain nu-governing toasters and hair dryers, clear controls. according to three engineers who quit their jobs to warn of dangers of nuclear power.

on Feb. 2 so they could focus atten- Minor, said in their statement, how-

Associated Press tion on nuclear safety defects, WASHINGTON — The federal warned today that federal regusafety checks on nuclear reactor conlations lack any requirement for an

They made their statement in testimony prepared for the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

The three, who resigned from middle-level management positions at General Electric's nuclear division Richard B. Hubbard and Gregory C.

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After they resigned, the engineers met with William A. Anders, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other commission officials. The commission said after the meeting that the engineers complaints were philosophical and dealt with general safety issues that were under consideration by the commission staff.

Bridenbaugh, involved with nuclear power plants since 1958 and a General Electric employe since 1953, spent the past 10 months on a special project evaluating the safety of 25 nuclear power plants.

Hubbard was responsible for developing and implementing plans as-suring that products of the com-

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Minor was responsible for the design of safety and control systems. Referring to problems in safety equipment, the engineers said in their congressional statement that accounts. Nuclear Regulatory Commission "requirements for safety-related equipment are less stringent" than codes developed in 1911 to protect

the public from boiler explosions.

In addition, they said, the commission does not require an independent third party similar to the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., to test electrical appliances.
"The public has a right to know

toaster or hair dryer, has more stringent safety checks than the electrical instruments that control a nuclear plant," the statement said.

"This is a clear demonstration of charge the inadequate attention given by the NRC towards protecting the public safety.

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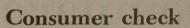
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