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Security Concerns at Oyster Creek (G. Elliot  
Giles)

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October 26, 2001

Mr. G. Elliott Giles  
75A Water Street  
Barnegat, NJ 08005

Dear Mr. Giles:

This acknowledges your recent October 3, 2001 letter to our 9th District Legislative Office.

By way of this reply, our Delegation would like to reach out to convey to you our appreciation for your efforts as a citizen to contact our office to outline your strong concerns and serious allegations about the security forces at the Oyster Creek nuclear generating station.

First, we would like to assure you our Delegation responded immediately within minutes of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11 to **strongly urge** Acting Governor DiFrancesco to exercise his authority to activate the National Guard to protect Oyster Creek and the state's other nuclear generating facilities. Further, our Delegation also recently introduced legislation to enhance the weaponry utilized by Oyster Creek's security personnel.


As you may be aware, the New Jersey State Police in cooperation with local police are now protecting the facility. The primary responsibility for security at all nuclear generating facilities falls within the jurisdiction of the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. **By copy of this reply, we are forwarding your statement to the NRC and Office of Emergency Management Director Captain Dennis Quinn, NJSP. This conveyance calls upon the NRC and Captain Quinn to review your serious allegations and concerns about security at the nuclear generating facility here at Oyster Creek.**

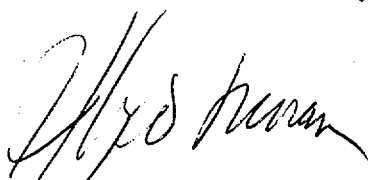
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Our Delegation pledges to maintain our steadfast commitment to strive to assure the greatest-possible levels of security to protect the citizens and families of the area. With the support of good citizens, such as yourself, we know America will prevail during this crisis period and are hopeful that our families will be safe against terrorism.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
LEONARD T. CONNORS, JR.  
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c: Richard A. Meserve, Chairperson, NRC ✓  
Captain Dennis Quinn, Director, Office of Emergency Management, NJSP

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ENCLOSED FIND ASBURY PARK PRESS  
CLIPPING CONCERNING LAX SECURITY AT  
OYSTER CREEK POWER PLANT BY A FORMER  
EMPLOYEE.

This is ~~an~~ unrealistic and atrocious problem.  
I also had a former employee who quit because  
this new owner has resorted to sloppy and cheap  
labor within the plant told me it is unbelievable  
how they have cut corners to save money.

This selling of the plant should have never taken  
place and the plant should have been dismantled.

This not my opinion only but agreed to by  
many citizens. CPO unloaded an expensive white  
elephant and some one had to be paid off to  
have this happen. All of South Jersey is worried  
about these conditions and something should be  
done to remedy this dangerous situation.

Sincerely yours  
H. E. Elliot Hills  
75A Water St.  
Barnegat, N.J. 08005

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## Oyster Creek's security is lax

As a former employee at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey, I was not surprised to learn that the contract security force was ineffective in preventing simulated intrusions into the facility during an NRC-sponsored drill. As a result, the plant security rating was downgraded from satisfactory to low-moderate and the anxiety of the public was upgraded from the usual high to very intense.

When the Amergen Corp. purchased Oyster Creek in July 2000, it decided to lay off the existing in-house security force of highly trained, professional officers and replace them with contract guards whose qualifications many considered substandard to the proprietary force. While Amergen saved money on salaries and benefits, the health and safety of the public was not served.

To my knowledge, the plant security rating has never been downgraded when the in-house force was protecting it. Maybe if an international terrorist, Amergen plans to confront him with its profit-and-loss statement.

I would urge concerned citizens to contact their elected officials at all levels and demand an investigation into security practices at Oyster Creek. If security degradations cannot be corrected so the public safety is assured, the facility must be closed before disaster strikes.

**Paul Shafer**  
TOMS RIVER