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Date: 7/26/04 7:26AM
Subject: FW: McGreevy's Position on OCLR

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 > Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2004 12:17 PM
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 > Had phone call from Asbury Park Press reporter about 30 minutes ago.
 > McGreevy's office called them yesterday to announce that he will oppose LR
 > for the station. He wants to use the paper as his stage for this
 > announcement. Reporter is writing for tomorrow's edition. This will be
 > lead story, no doubt. McGreevy's letter is below for those on blackberrys.

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 > Thanks,
 > Gina
 > 609.709.3247

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 > Dear Mr. Crane:

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 > I understand that AmerGen Energy Company plans to ask the United States
 > Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a 20-year license renewal for the
 > Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. This re-licensure request raises
 > several significant safety, security and environmental issues that affect
 > not only the residents of Ocean County but impact the health and safety of
 > our entire State.

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 > If the NRC were to approve this request, it would enable Oyster Creek to
 > continue operations until 2029. Oyster Creek is already the nation's
 > oldest operating nuclear power plant, and a successful application for
 > license renewal would cause it to become the nation's first practical test
 > of nuclear power plant operations beyond a normal 40-year license.

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 > I do not believe that Oyster Creek is the appropriate test case or Ocean
 > County and New Jersey the appropriate venue to see the ramifications of
 > allowing a nuclear power plant to operate beyond the traditional life
 > duration. The twenty year extension is an unnecessary risk to communities

> residents and employees.

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> I recognize that the NRC has exclusive jurisdiction to decide the renewal
> application, but I am directing the Commissioner of the Department of
> Environmental Protection to participate fully in the NRC's regulatory
> process.

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> I believe there is an opportunity for AmerGen to act in the best
> traditions of corporate stewardship and to work responsibly with the State
> of New Jersey, affected communities and employees to plan for the safe
> shutdown of the Oyster Creek plant in 2009.

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> I look forward to your response.

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> Very truly yours,

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> James E. McGreevey

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> Governor

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