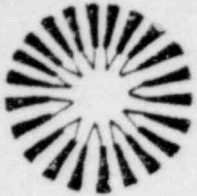


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STATEMENT TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

My name is Miriam Goodman and I represent the North Shore Coalition for Safe Energy, which is composed of community organizations and individuals in Nassau County, Long Island. We oppose the licensing of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station because we believe that operation of that plant would pose an unprecedented hazard to the lives and health of all the people of Long Island, as well as to L. I.'s environment, in this and future generations.

Inasmuch as there is responsible, authoritative scientific evidence that even routine, planned releases of radiation from nuclear power plants, under non-accident conditions, are already causing cancers, leukemias and genetic injuries (and I refer you to Dr. John W. Gofman's work RADIATION AND HUMAN HEALTH), it is a travesty for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to initiate the Shoreham licensing proceeding before a thorough physical inspection of this plant is carried out. This is especially urgent in light of the documented record of design defects and poor construction practices at Shoreham.

Your refusal to hear evidence at the upcoming licensing hearing with regard to crucial safety issues constitutes a severe limitation of public participation. In attempting to speed up the licensing of Shoreham, you are turning your back on the injunctions of the Kemeny Commission and the N.R.C.'s own Special Inquiry Group after the Three Mile Island accident and abdicating your responsibility to protect the public health and safety.

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We in Nassau County, well within a 50-mile radius of the Shoreham plant, are concerned, as are the people who live and work and enjoy their leisure in Suffolk County, about the potential for a serious accident at Shoreham, as well as about gradual leaks of radioactive poisons, planned or unplanned. We consider it essential that the Long Island Lighting Company be required to submit an environmental impact statement which takes into account the potentiality of a Class 9 accident. Any evacuation planning that does not include people within a minimum 50-mile radius of Shoreham is meaningless. The N.R.C.'s 10-mile limitation to evacuation planning requirements is a callous admission of the realistic impossibility of any successful evacuation of people on Long Island in the event of a catastrophic accident.

Nuclear power on Long Island is unacceptable. The Shoreham Nuclear Power Station must not be licensed. We join our Suffolk neighbors in saying we refuse to be LILCO's and the NRC's guinea pigs.