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Commissioners
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

Dear Commissioners:

We urge you to follow your own rules (now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has reported that it is unable to state that the public health and safety in the immediate 10-mile radius around the Indian Point nuclear power plants can be protected) and close down these dangerous plants which your own Robert Ryan as Director of the NRC Office of State Programs said of "I think it is insane to have a 3-unit reactor on the Hudson River ... if you describe that 50-mile circle, you've got 21 million people. And that's crazy."

We in New Jersey are very much at risk. The Union of Concerned Scientists articles "The Consequences of a Nuclear Reactor Accident" in the NUCLEUS, Vol. 4, No. 4, Winter 1983, p. 5 "the number of cancer deaths is sensitive to the population within 100-200 miles...injuries are sensitive to the population within .. 50 miles". Further the study by Drs. Frank von Hippel and Jan Beyea for the President's Council on Environmental Quality had indicated that delayed cancer deaths from a Class 9 accident at TMI I could reach 60,000 just considering cases beyond the 50-mile radius.

We live in the most densely populated area of the most densely populated state in the USA. Those delayed cancer deaths would be tremendously much higher both because of the higher population density, but also because there is considerably more radiation available for release in an Indian Point worst-case accident than at TMI I.

Further, we understand that people from the 10-mile zone slated for evacuation are in part supposed to come to New Jersey, but are the host community really prepared for such an influx (assuming the people could actually evacuate successfully which is highly unlikely for many reasons including available roads and unwilling bus drivers)?

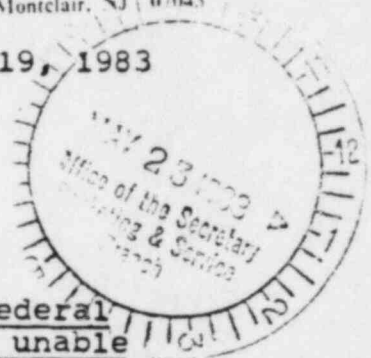
We heard a bus driver supposed to evacuate school children stating to the NRC Board in public hearings near the plant that she most certainly would not be involved in driving other children away from the accident when her own children were also at risk.

Even if you were to get a statement from the Union, Bus companies and even drivers (if their jobs were at jeopardy or even raises). They might agree, but that doesn't mean they would act as the plans indicates.

The dangers are too great to lives. If that doesn't move you how about that projected property damage up to \$314 billion! YOUR DUTY IS CLEAR: YOU HAVE PREEEMPTED ALL SAFETY DECISION SO MAKE IT NOW: CLOSE DOWN INDIAN PT. WHILE THERE IS TIME!

Sincerely,

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