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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Shoreham Nuclear Power Station
Construction Permit #CPPR-95

Dear Mr. Denton:

I am the Supervisor of the Town of Shelter Island on eastern Long Island, which lies east of LILCO's Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. The Town of Shelter Island is home to more than 2,000 year-round residents, and in the summer, our population swells to more than 10,000 people. It has come to my attention that the construction permit for Shoreham is due to expire on March 31, 1983 unless extended by your office. This letter is to urge you to deny LILCO's request to continue construction at Shoreham and to prevent the further wasteful expenditure of tens of millions of dollars on that project.

As you know, Suffolk County has determined, on the basis of many months of intensive examination by experts, that the safe evacuation of Suffolk County residents, particularly those who reside in eastern Long Island, cannot be accomplished. Accordingly, Suffolk County has urged the NRC to terminate the Shoreham operating license proceedings in view of the fact that approval and implementation of a Suffolk County off-site emergency plan is a requirement for the issuance of an operating license. I agree with the County's determination and can see no reason why your office should permit construction at Shoreham to continue.

I have also been made aware of comments attributable to NRC spokesmen in Long Island's daily newspaper, Newsday, which suggests that less than serious attention will be given to Suffolk County's request that construction at Shoreham be halted. For example, James Fitzgerald, an assistant general counsel at the NRC, reportedly stated "I don't think you need an evacuation plan

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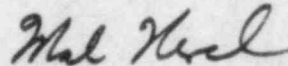
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during the construction phase," while NRC spokesman Frank Ingram is alleged to have said "Requests to extend plant construction dates are a dime a dozen." These comments do nothing to instill confidence in the integrity of the NRC decision-making process, and I trust that they are not indicative of the attention that you will devote to this matter.

It is my belief that the County's determination that there can be no safe evacuation of Suffolk County residents is dispositive of the question of whether Shoreham will be permitted to operate. In view of that controlling fact, it would be irresponsible for your office to continue to permit LILCO to expend millions of dollars in funds for construction. I strongly object to any action (or inaction) by the NRC that would permit Shoreham's cost to unnecessarily escalate even further.

I urge you to give Suffolk County's opposition to the extension of LILCO's construction permit your immediate and thoughtful attention. I will look forward to hearing your response to my concern.

Sincerely,



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