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Mr. Nunzio Palladino
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Palladino:

Thank you for your response to my letter of November 4. You are certainly aware of our great concern for assuring the highest standards on nuclear safety. It is our hope that your staff recommendations and Commission actions will serve to enhance and improve rather than reduce the effectiveness of these safety standards and protective measures.

In addition, it is our hope that in the future, information regarding possible changes in N.R.C. regulations does not have to be received through news reports; but that a system of communication can be set up with those of us directly involved.

We will be prepared to test the school component of New York's compensating plan for Rockland County as soon as discussions with school superintendents are completed, and their recommendations are adequately incorporated into the plan. However, based on statements by N.R.C. Commissioner Gilinsky that you, as Chairman, feel emergency preparedness requirements are "excessive", and based on the N.R.C.'s history of not fully enforcing its own off-site safety regulations at Indian Point, I remain concerned with the intent and direction the N.R.C. has embarked upon in its 're-examination' of current regulations.

I would therefore ask that you advise me as soon as possible of the time-frame you envision for the re-examination process you cite in your letter. Specifically, what is the shortest time in which a regulatory change could take place? Because you did not state in your letter whether reductions to current emergency standards are a realistic possibility, please advise me as to whether this is the case. Bear in mind that Rockland County officials are currently undertaking a detailed process of preparing local

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emergency plans, based upon current standards. Any preparations we may wish to make for a full scale, four-county exercise in the Spring, 1984, will be potentially subject to your regulatory actions.

Again, it is our sincere hope that the end of your regulatory re-examination process will result in a strengthening rather than weakening of our nuclear safety standards.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Governor

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