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Ronald Hayer, Regional Administrator  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hayer:

The liscensing of Long Island Lighting Company's Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant hinges upon the development of an acceptable evacuation plan. Suffolk County and New York State recognize that evacuation can not be safely accomplished; they refuse to participate in the evacuation plan. Without their help, Lilco proposes an employee staffed evacuation plan (LERO). I strongly oppose the LERO plan.

In November, your agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency supported the LERO plan. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA claim that emergency workers will report to their positions before securing their family's safety, panic will not occur, and traffic will not be congested in the ten mile emergency evacuation zone. As a non-resident of Suffolk, I question your ability to judge human nature on Long Island.

The LERO plan is seriously flawed. Utility workers cannot be transformed into emergency managers after only 12 hours of classroom training and 8 hours of field drills. Public mistrust of the staff's competency is enough to create panic. With LERO, workers will be called to action by a telephone chain. This procedure is ridiculous; even in a small organization, telephone chains are hopelessly ineffective. Further traffic will be congested more than the NRC anticipates. People outside the ten mile zone will want to evacuate. Does the NRC realize that people east of Shoreham could be trapped behind the radioactive zone?

Evacuation can not be safely accomplished in Suffolk County. I urge you to deny an operating liscense to the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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