

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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April 2, 1984.

Judge James A. Laurenson,  
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board,  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
East-West Tower, Room 402A,  
4350 East-West Highway,  
Bethesda, Maryland 20614.

Dear Judge Laurenson:

As one of 18 Suffolk County Legislators who received a copy of Comptroller Joseph R. Caputo's letter to you dated February 28, 1984, I felt some comments were in order.

Mr. Caputo's statement "that not all elected officials of Suffolk County oppose the operation of Shoreham", is accurate. To my knowledge, there are only two (2) elected officials, including Mr. Caputo, in county government who share this view. The vast majority of us who have participated in countless hours of public hearings, are opposed to Shoreham's operation.

Anyone who travels Long Island's highway system knows east-west evacuation would be impossible. These main traffic arteries cannot even adequately handle normal rush hour traffic.

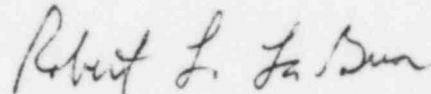
Mr. Caputo states the plant can operate safely. By what authority can he make such a guarantee. LILCO hired a consultant to inspect critical safety systems at Shoreham. While individual organizations opposed to Shoreham's operation were questioning the adequacy of the diesel generators, LILCO put these concerns aside. When the diesel generators were started up, they literally fell apart. Is this an indication of LILCO's safety inspection program? If so, Lord help us!

While you are probably not interested to know, since it is not within your realm of responsibility, the cost of Shoreham has gone from \$500 million to \$4.2 billion due to various problems, most of which are not the fault of the ratepayer. If Shoreham is allowed to operate, even on low power, our utility costs will double. This would be an economic disaster for Long Island's economy. Even more so than if LILCO had to absorb the construction costs or work out a financial arrangement for some assistance.

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I will end my letter at this point, however, I could go on for pages and pages. I felt that responsible professionals, such as yourself, who are not to be held accountable to the 1.3 million people of Suffolk County, should be aware of our plight. The opposition to Shoreham by 17 out of 18 County Legislators is based on real concerns and is a bipartisan position. Those who state our opposition to Shoreham is political, are terribly misinformed and out of touch with "our world".

Very truly yours,



Robert L. LaBua,  
Legislator.

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c.c. Hon. Joseph R. Caputo  
All Suffolk Legislators