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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commissioner Shirley Jackson
11545 Rockville Pike,
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Enclosed is a clipping from a local paper concerning a dispute between ComEd and IBEW Local 15.

Please review this article and realize what could happen to thousands of people if another Chernobyl would happen in LaSalle County at the nuclear station in Brookfield township.

I have worked in unions for 20 years and no dispute is worthy of taking human lives. Hopefully persons will never be placed at the controls of a nuclear plant at any location because of a dispute between ComEd and employees. I am asking you do everything within your power to prevent any disaster to occur

in Brookfield Township.

I would hope that employees never walk off the job. Surely the disagreements can be resolved with negotiation. I've participated in negotiations for eight contracts with State of Illinois employees. Both sides have had to give but we've always completed negotiations that we can all live with and agreed to a Contract.

Please give this your immediate attention.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Result of the ongoing labor dispute'

To the editor:

I am submitting this letter to inform the readers of La Salle County of impending problems that could arise as a result of the ongoing labor dispute between ComEd and IBEW Local 15.

As most in the area are aware, ComEd owns and operates six nuclear generating stations in Northern Illinois. One of these plants is located in Brookfield Township south of Marseilles. Of the approximately 18,000 ComEd employees, IBEW Local Union 15 represents about 9,300 persons who are responsible for generating, transmitting and servicing the customers supplied by ComEd.

Since April 1, 1995, the 9,300 Local 15 members have been working without a contract as a result of ComEd's refusal to sit down and negotiate in good faith. On Jan. 1 (after record profits in 1995), ComEd IMPOSED it's own version of what it thought was a fair contract. In doing so, ComEd removed all of the guarantees that skilled and experienced workers would operate and maintain it's nuclear facilities. In reality, the new contract language gives ComEd the ability to REPLACE it's skilled labor with unskilled

labor at a fraction of the cost.

I am sure that most of you have read the recent articles in Chicago and local newspapers regarding concerns that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has with ComEd's ability to safely operate and manage it's nuclear plants. In the event that the on-going labor dispute results in Local 15 members walking off the job in protest, will ComEd managers be able to safely run these units?

In the aftermath of the Chernobyl incident it was discovered that persons who should have NEVER been at the controls and making decisions were allowed to do so. Will people with no recent practical or on-the-job experience be allowed to run and maintain ComEd plants?

Do the readers of this newspaper have a concern about the safety of their families, neighbors, and communities? If so, I would suggest you write the NRC and ask what they will be doing to protect your safety! United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Commissioner Shirley Jackson, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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