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Hon. Nunzio J. Palladino, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Palladino:

As the Representative of the First Congressional District of New York, I am writing to you on an issue of great importance to my constituents. In my District, as you know, there is great concern over the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process, and in particular, the question of whether a utility should be permitted to proceed to phases three and four of low power testing before the issue of emergency planning is fully resolved.

I believe that the NRC should exercise extreme caution in its upcoming consideration of the next steps in low power testing of the Shoreham facility. The next two phases of low power testing should not proceed until the remaining issue of emergency planning has been fully considered by the Commission.

Mr. Chairman, I have tried to maintain a fair and balanced approach to this important and controversial issue. My view of the Shoreham question has always been that the plant should not be licensed to operate until all safety issues have been fully resolved. I have always felt that the regulatory process should be completed in a manner that is fair to all parties.

Questions remain over the legal and practical implementation of an emergency preparedness plan. Therefore, I believe that the wisest course would be one that would not allow the contamination of the reactor before it is certain that the plant can meet the requirements for a full operating license.

As you know, both the President and Energy Secretary Hodel have indicated that they do not favor the imposition of federal authority over the objections of state and local governments regarding the adequacy of

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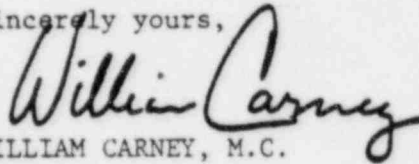
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emergency preparedness plans. Enclosed please find their correspondence to me on this topic.

Mr. Chairman, the Shoreham situation can be resolved constructively if there is greater cooperation between all parties. Keeping this in mind, I do not believe that the level of testing of Shoreham should proceed further until the issue of emergency planning is clarified.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Carney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

WILLIAM CARNEY, M.C.

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THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20585

October 2, 1984

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Honorable William Carney
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill:

I want to take this opportunity to update you on our activities regarding the Shoreham nuclear power plant. As we assured you last spring and at other times when we discussed the concerns of the citizens of Long Island regarding Shoreham, the Department of Energy does not favor the imposition of Federal Government authority over the objections of any state and local government in matters regarding the adequacy of an emergency evacuation plan for a nuclear power plant such as Shoreham.

Our position is clear. The Reagan Administration has always had faith in the ability of American citizens and local elected officials to handle the problems which confront them directly. As one of Long Island's most capable and vigorous elected officials, your advice and counsel regarding energy and economic policies which affect the future of your constituents have been extremely valuable to President Reagan and me. As I mentioned to you earlier this year when you brought in industrial, labor, and Government leaders of the First District to visit with me, you have been a vigorous advocate of the interests of Long Island, especially in behalf of Brookhaven National Laboratory and other Federal facilities.

I look forward to your continued wise counsel on these and other issues in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don", is written over the typed name.

DONALD PAUL HODEL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

Dear Bill:

I want you to know of my appreciation for your continuing contributions to and support for my Administration. Your leadership and courage have been determining factors in the progress we have made in the last few years.

On a matter of particular concern to you and the people of Eastern Long Island, I wish to repeat Secretary Hodel's assurance to you that this Administration does not favor the imposition of Federal Government authority over the objections of state and local governments in matters regarding the adequacy of an emergency evacuation plan for a nuclear power plant such as Shoreham. Your concern for the safety of the people of Long Island is paramount and shared by the Secretary and me.

Thank you again for your support. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable William Carney
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