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The Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a Member of Congress from Long Island and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I have a continuing interest in the NRC procedures for the licensing of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station. I have worked to minimize the cost of Shoreham from regulatory delay (consistent with the protection of public health and safety) both with my colleagues on the Committee and with Chairman Beville and members of the Appropriations Committee.

Long Island is heavily dependent on imported oil and on some natural gas for generating power, and its electric transmission ties from upstate and New England are limited. The actual 1984 load on Long Island will equal the New York State Energy Office load forecast for the mid-1990s. Thus, Shoreham is necessary for reliability of power on the Island, and its operation is essential if we are to ever reduce our unhealthy reliance on OPEC oil.

At this juncture, two factors seem clear to me. First, I am advised that fuel load and low-power testing of nuclear plants in general, and Shoreham in particular, does not constitute a risk to the public health and safety on Long Island. Second, further regulatory delay in the licensing and operation of Shoreham results in interest costs of over \$1 million per day that will be paid by the ratepayers. These costs, and lost real property taxes from the plant represent a significant economic burden for all Long Islanders.

Since my constituents will likely have to pay for a large share of Shoreham, whether it operates or not, I believe it is in their best interests that the plant be brought on line at the earliest possible date, consistent with your mandate to ensure its safe operation.

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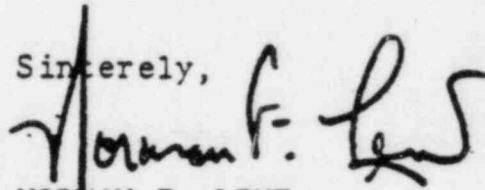
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Because of my abiding concern, I intend to closely monitor the regulatory process in the future. Accordingly, I request that you provide me with a weekly listing of documents filed in the public docket on Shoreham. I also request, on a monthly basis, a brief report of any NRC action that might cause further delay.

Mr. Chairman, I know that you, your fellow Commissioners, and your staff are working diligently to meet your obligations to ensure the safe construction and operation of nuclear facilities while ensuring protection of the public health and safety. You have my full support in carrying out your mandate and I look forward to hearing from you on the progress of Shoreham.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Norman F. Lent". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "N" and "L".

NORMAN F. LENT
Member of Congress

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cc: Hon. Tom Bevill
Hon. James T. Broyhill
Hon. Bill Green
Hon. John T. Myers

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5. Re: Shoreham Exercise		

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REMARKS

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Bob Charpuk (sic), a reporter for a local Suffolk County newspaper, called regarding a quote by Ed Jordan in Newsday, in reference to a letter from Suffolk County dated Nov 28, 1984, to the effect that the County's decision not to participate in Shoreham exercise may "put a crimp" in the exercise. He may try to contact Ed on

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