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TO:

NRC

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Collins, NRR

DESC:

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Staff Reductions and Training Concerns at Oyster  
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December 3, 2002

Edward Stroup, President  
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Dear Mr. Stroup:

This acknowledges your November 27, 2002 letter to our 9th District Legislative Office on behalf of Local Union 1289 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

By way of this reply, our Delegation would like to reach out to convey our appreciation for your proactive efforts on behalf of Local 1289 to contact our office to report a series of staff reductions and training concerns at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Our Delegation holds a steadfast and longstanding commitment to maintaining the highest degree of safety standards at this facility. Any actions by the plant operator that would jeopardize the safety of the station raises many troubling questions.

As you know, nuclear generating stations are federally-licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. By copy of this reply, we are forwarding your concerns to the NRC. This conveyance officially requests this federal agency to undertake a priority investigation into these issues with an eye toward taking every necessary remediative step to ensure full compliance with all operating standards.

Further, by copy of this reply, we are also forwarding your briefing to our federal representatives, U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli, U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine and U.S. Representative H. James Saxton. We feel confident our federal representatives will want to utilize the auspices of their offices to initiate an NRC inquiry.

Thank you for the opportunity to work cooperatively with you on behalf of the vital interests of Local 1289 and for the safety of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Sincerely,

Leonard T. Connors, Jr.  
Senator - 9th District

Jeffrey W. Moran  
Assemblyman - 9th District  
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c: Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, NRC ✓  
Hon. Robert G. Torricelli, U.S. Senate; Hon. Jon S. Corzine, U.S. Senate; Hon. H. James Saxton, U.S. Rep.  
Enclosure



## LOCAL UNION 1289

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November 27, 2002



Senator Connors  
Assemblyman Jeff Munyan  
~~Assemblyman Connors~~

I am contacting you concerning Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station to both inform you and seek your help with a reduction in staff recently announced by Amergen/Exelon. Over the last several years there have been numerous staff reductions which has already reduced the hands on workers to the point where they struggle to do normal day to day jobs. Now the Company is completely abolishing 3 classifications of workers.

#1 Fire Protection Techs	(3 Jobs)
#2 Rad Waste Workers	(10 Jobs)
#3 Drafting Techs	(1 Job)

They also laid off 4 clerical jobs (4 Jobs)

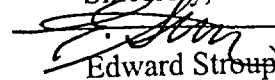
It should be noted that the Fire Protection Tech Jobs were created in the aftermath of three mile island on the findings of an inspection conducted by the NRC Performance Appraisal Branch on items of alleged non-compliance. See copies enclosed.

The Company is completely eliminating this Fire Protection Job Classification and has transferred the work to the I & C Department which is struggling under its own workload. No Fire Protection personnel will remain doing this work. Additionally the I & C Department has had only very minor training in a few areas of Fire Protection and remains untrained in much of the equipment and systems that protect the employees, the plant and the public.

Oyster Creek is blessed with 3 long term employees who know these systems inside and out, that should not be sacrificed in the name of "Greater Corporate Profit, to be sent back to the home Corporation in another State"

It should also be noted that Amergen has indicated it intends yet further reductions of hand on workers over the next year or so.

Sincerely,

  
Edward Stroup

President/Business Manager

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