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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

January 21, 2003

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Richard:

I am writing to request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conduct a full review of the deficiencies identified in the independent review of Indian Point Energy Center's emergency preparedness plan.

The review, conducted by James Lee Witt Associates, was undertaken at the request of Governor George Pataki to improve our understanding of the area's ability to respond to a radiological event and to assist our ongoing efforts to strengthen emergency preparedness.

The Witt report found, among other problems, that emergency planning fails to take into account the possibility of a terrorist attack and insufficiently plans for the safe evacuation of local residents to protect them from radiation poisoning.

In light of the significant problems identified by the Witt report, I request that plant operations be temporarily shut-down until the issues raised by the report are fully resolved. Further, as Chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, I anticipate having a hearing on nuclear safety and the sufficiency of evacuation plans with a primary focus on Indian Point Energy Center.

In the interim, I urge you to begin the process of resolving these deficiencies.

Sincerely,

Congressman
Christopher Shays
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