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From: Township Council
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To: Peter Tam
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For Signature of:
Description: Oyster Creek has submitted a request to the Nuclear Regulatory Comm. for an extension of its license to continue to operate this facility through 2029
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant has submitted a request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an extension of its license to continue to operate this facility through 2029; and

WHEREAS the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant is the oldest operating nuclear plant in the United States and is located in Lacey Township, approximately fifteen miles from the Township of Brick; and

WHEREAS this aged facility poses a potential risk to all residents of Ocean County, including the Township of Brick, as nuclear power plants have been cited as being possible targets for future terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS any attack on the plant, or other unforeseen accident which could result from the age related degradation of the facility, could have catastrophic effects on the Jersey Shore as exposure to the radioactive material would effect those trying to evacuate and would put the continued inhabitability of entire communities at risk; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Strontium 90, which is known to kill marine life, has been detected in the discharge of nuclear plants and it has been found in teeth samples of numerous children throughout Ocean County including 18 in the Township of Brick; and

WHEREAS Strontium 90 poses a serious risk to our children as it weakens the immune system and makes the body more susceptible to cancer causing agents; and

WHEREAS, if granted, the extension of the Plant's license would ensure that one of the principal threats to the safety of our children, grandchildren and communities would continue to operate until 2029, increasing stockpiles of radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, IN 1985, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported that the Mark 1 Nuclear Reactor Containment System is of faulty design and there would be a 90 percent failure rate in case of an accident therefore making it necessary to vent the pressure buildup to avoid rupturing the containment system. However, venting the radioactive materials to the air defeats the containment plan altogether and would expose the public to high doses of radiation; and

WHEREAS the Township Council acknowledges that there are safer, cleaner and more reliable renewable energy sources than nuclear power available to us today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Brick, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, on behalf of all Township residents as follows:

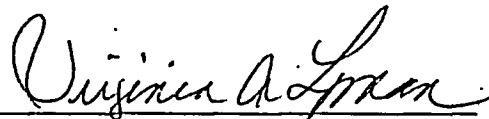
1. The Township Council does hereby declare its unequivocal opposition to the granting of a license extension to Exelon Nuclear Corporation for the operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station; and
2. The Township Council further calls for the immediate closure and decommissioning of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant; and
3. The Township Council calls for the development of clean, safe and reliable energy sources to replace the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant while utilizing the existing transmission grid; and
4. The Township Council encourages further examinations in ways to utilize the facility in a manner that would benefit the employees of the plant, their families and the financial interests of the people of Lacey Township and Ocean County; and

5. That the current governmental subsidies to the Township of Lacey as a host community be continued so long as any regional power-generated facilities remain in use within the Township; and
6. That the Municipal Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor James E. McGreevey, State Senator Andrew Ciesla, Assemblymen David Wolfe and James Holzapfel, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Jersey Shore Nuclear Watch and the Townships of Berkeley, Little Egg Harbor, Stafford, Dover, Jackson, Lacey, Lakewood, Manchester and Barnegat and the Boroughs of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant Beach, Lavallette, Waretown, Surf City, South Toms River, Island Heights, Harvey Cedars, Bay Head, Mantoloking, Seaside Park and Seaside Heights.

CERTIFICATION

I, VIRGINIA A. LAMPMAN, Assistant Township Clerk of the Township of Brick, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, do certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Brick at a meeting of said Township Council on January 27, 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this Township this 27th day of January 2004.



VIRGINIA A. LAMPMAN
ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP CLERK