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TO:

Vito, RI

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 05-0043

Chairman Diaz

DESC:

ROUTING:

NRC's NUREG-1022 for Alert and Notification Sirens

Reyes  
Virgilio  
Kane  
Merschhoff  
Norry  
Dean  
Burns/Cyr  
Zimmerman, NSIR  
Dyer, NRR  
Rathbun, OCA

DATE: 01/27/05

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:  
RI Collins

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Coordinate response with NSIR.

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 19, 2005

Mr. David J. Vito  
Senior Allegation Coordinator  
United States Nuclear Regulation Commission  
Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Coordinator Vito:

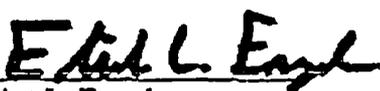
We write regarding the NRC's NUREG 1022 for alert and notification sirens. We are aware that there has been ongoing communication between your office and Rockland County, which we represent, and wish to add our voices to the concerns raised by County Supervisor Vanderhoef.

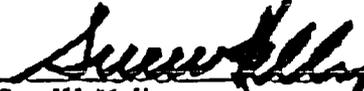
The NRC was established to oversee the safe development and operation of the commercial nuclear power industry. It is charged with creating and enforcing regulations that will protect the health of all Americans. It is also charged with providing oversight of emergency evacuation plans.

Should the worst happen, we would expect every single siren to be in working order. Instead, the NRC seems to believe that a failure rate of 10% or more, which could result in as much as 25% of the population not being informed of an emergency, is acceptable.

We disagree. It is not acceptable. The NRC not only has the authority, but the responsibility to the people of New York and the country as a whole, to ensure that the evacuation plans and emergency equipment be adequate and in working order. The NRC must revisit its regulation and set a standard that puts health and human safety first.

Sincerely,

  
Eliot L. Engel  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

  
Sue W. Kelly  
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Nita M. Lowey  
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