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> Had phone call from Asbury Park Press reporter about 30 minutes ago.
> McGreevy's office called them yesterday to announce that he will oppose LR
> for the station. He wants to use the paper as his stage for this
> announcement. Reporter is writing for tomorrow's edition. This will be
> lead story, no doubt. McGreevy's letter is below for those on blackberrys.

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> Thanks,
> Gina
> 609.709.3247

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> Dear Mr. Crane:

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> I understand that AmerGen Energy Company plans to ask the United States
> Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a 20-year license renewal for the
> Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. This re-licensure request raises
> several significant safety, security and environmental issues that affect
> not only the residents of Ocean County but impact the health and safety of
> our entire State.

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> If the NRC were to approve this request, it would enable Oyster Creek to
> continue operations until 2029. Oyster Creek is already the nation's
> oldest operating nuclear power plant, and a successful application for
> license renewal would cause it to become the nation's first practical test
> of nuclear power plant operations beyond a normal 40-year license.

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> I do not believe that Oyster Creek is the appropriate test case or Ocean
> County and New Jersey the appropriate venue to see the ramifications of
> allowing a nuclear power plant to operate beyond the traditional life
> duration. The twenty year extension is an unnecessary risk to communities

> residents and employees.
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 > I recognize that the NRC has exclusive jurisdiction to decide the renewal
 > application, but I am directing the Commissioner of the Department of
 > Environmental Protection to participate fully in the NRC's regulatory
 > process.
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 > I believe there is an opportunity for AmerGen to act in the best
 > traditions of corporate stewardship and to work responsibly with the State
 > of New Jersey, affected communities and employees to plan for the safe
 > shutdown of the Oyster Creek plant in 2009.
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 > I look forward to your response.
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 > Very truly yours,
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 > James E. McGreevey
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 > Governor
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