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License Renewal Application of Oyster Creek  
(Deborah Macmillan)

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Mr. Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Executive Director Reyes:

I write to you on behalf of Deborah Macmillan, President of The League of Women Voters of New Jersey located at 204 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08608, who has contacted my office for assistance regarding the League's opposition to the license renewal application of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant in Lacy Township, Ocean County, NJ. Enclosed please find the League's correspondence. Considering the safety concerns at issue, I would appreciate it if the NRC would grant a public hearing to review the concerns.

I ask that you afford my constituents all due consideration under the law in this matter. In addition, I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise my constituent accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Susan McKenna, at 63 North Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey, 08096. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Direct Line: (856) 848-5649, Voicemail: (856) 848-3900, ext, 106, Fax: (856) 848-8341, e-mail address: susan.mckenna@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Robert Andrews  
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**THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF NEW JERSEY**

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April 11, 2006

The Honorable Robert E. Andrews  
506A White Horse Pike  
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

Dear Representative Andrews:

The League of Women Voters opposes the license renewal application of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant in Lacy Township, Ocean County, NJ and supports the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a hearing and petition to intervene in the license renewal process because of grave safety problems at the plant.

We ask you to take an immediate and active role, using the power of your office, to make sure the NRC guarantees a public hearing for the State of New Jersey and by extension to its citizens. Because the NRC may decide on the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's petition within the next several days, your immediate action is critical. Remember that this plant is the oldest operating nuclear generating station in the entire United States.

The NJ DEP's brief clearly states the issues and highlights include:

- The prospect of severe accidents, including terrorist attack by air.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Agency permission for AmerGen (the plant owner) to use a more lenient standard than is defined in current regulations. This will allow lowering the margin of safety for metal fatigue in critical reactor coolant locations.
- The lack of assurance that sufficient backup power is available in the event of station blackout.
- As stated in the brief, "Public assurance that Oyster Creek's continued operation does not represent an unnecessary risk to the citizens of New Jersey is essential. Oyster Creek, being the oldest operating nuclear plant, would be the first practical test of nuclear operations beyond a 40-year license".
- The Nuclear Regulatory Agency is attempting to reject the State's valid concerns out of hand; even though NJ DEP's highly qualified nuclear staff has monitored Oyster Creek for many years and is deeply aware of its strengths and weaknesses. The fact that the NRC has accepted the petition of a local citizen's coalition regarding corrosion in the critical drywell liner of the plant, is added proof that all is not well at Oyster Creek.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of our request and these very serious concerns. We look forward from hearing from you and working with you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Macmillan, President  
League of Women Voters of New Jersey

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