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Gentlemen, I would like to submit my comments to you regarding the re-licensing process for Oyster Creek Nuclear Station in Lacey Township, NJ.

I am a property owner and resident of Lacey Township, NJ for many years. I whole heartedly support the relicensing of this facility. I have had extensive involvement in the Security UpGrade through the Electrical Contractor during 2004. The employees and the management staff are committed to safety as I could see as an outside professional in Occupational Safety and Health, during that 15 week operation to enhance security at Oyster Creek, under Home Land Security operations. I also was involed in that same capacity at Salem Hope Creek during 2005. The plant is a safe facility. Those FEW who oppose the relicensing have not shown anyone any valid concerns other than false fear tactics. The plant is 40 years old come 2009, but that doesn't mean we can't have it safe with constant up grading. If the containment vessle is sound which is your job at NRC to ascertain, then the plant should remain "ON LINE". It's puzzling to me and many of my friends and Neighbors that these groups opposing the license renewal seem to get a loud voice in the press and at various meetings, but really, who do they really represent but a very small minority of our population in Ocen County and the region.

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I ran my own survey these last few months speaking to many around the region, and when I asked: do you know of the Mothers, Grandmothers, Nuclear Opponents, etc etc... NOT ONE PERSON IN AS MANY AS 60 OR SO, SAID THEY REPRESENT THEM IN ANY WAY OR EVEN KNEW OF THESE FOLKS.

Let's do what's right for the people overall and think positive about Nuclear Power. The President himself has taken a position to expand Nuclear Generation of Power.

Jon Corzine also was reported in the press, to have some concern of the plants age, but said that's not a reason to shut it down.

In closing, you are charged with the decision of renewal for a 20 year period by statue. Just perhaps in the ensuing years more compact, modern design Nuclear Reactors, which are being worked on as we speak here today, maybe the new transition for plants as Oyster Creek as they can shift over to new reactor technology much sooner than 20 years and the industry itself will upgrade prior to the expiration of the licensing period. Electric Power is precious to us all ! We need every Megawatt we can generate safely, without sending CO 2 into the atmoshere!

My best to you all, I have faith in you, good luck and God Speed !

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