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Docket No. 50-219-LR

RE: NUCLEAR SPENT FUEL STORAGE

There are many reasons why the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station should not be re-licensed. However, at this time, I want to focus on the nuclear spent fuel storage; namely, the dry casks sitting 400 feet from Route 9. (We all know what a parking lot that is.)

As you know, when spent fuel is removed from the reactor core it's a million times more radioactive than when it was put into the fuel pool. The dry casks at Oyster Creek presently hold tons of this deadly high-level radioactive waste.

There is no place on Earth where one can confidently predict that radioactive waste could remain safely isolated from the environment for hundreds of thousands or millions of years. The hazard of irradiated fuel will continue for millions of years.¹

Not only is the fuel pool vulnerable to an attack by terrorists but so are the dry casks. The NRC "contends that the possibility of a terrorist attack on a nuclear facility is so remote and speculative that the potential consequences of such an attack need not be considered at all".² I BEG TO DIFFER!

ALL our nuclear plants, *especially Oyster Creek*, are vulnerable to air strikes, truck bombs, boat bombs, and well-equipped and well-armed terrorists. Haven't we learned anything from history? The first time the Trade Center was bombed was a warning. Who could even imagine there would be a second time and thousands would die at the hands of these madmen.

Every year more and more of this deadly radioactive spent fuel keeps piling up and none of our nuclear "experts" know how to dispose of it safely. Transporting it offsite would be another deadly hazard. What a temptation for the terrorists and how about an accident in transporting – accidents do happen. Oyster Creek will need more and more dry casks to store the spent fuel and will have a cemetery of deadly coffins (dry casks) along Route 9.

If the unthinkable should happen such as a terrorist attack or a catastrophe, there could be hundreds of thousands of casualties and over \$80 billion in property damage. Compare this to the \$12 million tax break Lacey citizens get each year (and will continue to get even if the plant is closed). IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

What a horrible legacy we leave for our children, grand children and generations to come. We need to convert nuclear plants to clean, safe renewable energy such as wind, solar, hydroelectric, natural gas and other *non-deadly* sources of energy. Imagine \$80 billion being used for these renewable energies. What a clean environment we'd have.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE AND LET'S BEGIN TODAY BY CLOSING THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION NOW!

¹Nuclear Information Resource Service website - www.nirs.org

²Asbury Park Press, Article "NJ Wants NRC to Weigh Terror Threat in Licensing", June 18, 2006.


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