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The Honorable Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein:

We understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has tentatively scheduled an affirmation session on February 4, 2009 on the relicensing of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. We are writing to request the Commission postpone its decision on relicensing until recommendations by two NRC advisory boards are further reviewed and appropriate measures are taken to avert future drywell corrosion.

One issue concerns certain recommendations issued by the Atomic Committee on Reactor Safety (ACRS) and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB). The Commission cannot be sure whether Oyster Creek meets current safety requirements unless these recommendations, which are designed to enhance public safety, have been fully reviewed. We therefore request the Commission to ensure that NRC Staff and Exelon implement necessary and appropriate recommendations set forth by the ASLB and the ACRS.

In addition, we are aware of Citizen's notification to the NRC regarding the staff inspection report released on January 19, 2009 and the report itself. The report appears to indicate that water continues to seep into the drywell and is causing ongoing corrosion. Therefore, we ask the Commission to take appropriate steps to monitor for water and prevent water leaks.

Finally, in an effort to ensure the public has adequate information pertaining to the Oyster Creek relicensing, we ask that appropriate additional materials be made available to the public for independent review and that you encourage NRC staff to work more closely with citizens groups (and their representatives) that are interested in improving safety at Oyster Creek.

We recognize the crucial role nuclear power plays in meeting America's ongoing energy needs. Oyster Creek, however, faces a unique set of circumstances that warrants an abundance of caution. We believe that the NRC should delay a final decision concerning relicensing until the issues set forth in this letter are addressed. Should any renewal be granted, we expect the NRC to monitor corrosion in the facility's drywell and ensure the timely implementation of appropriate ASLB and ACRS recommendations.

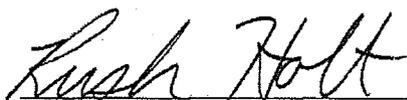
Sincerely,



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