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bcc Auria Cruz/R2/USEPA/US  
Subject March 24th e-mail message to Administrator Jackson re:  
Oyster Creek

Dear Ms. Tauro:

Your March 24, 2009 e-mail message to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson concerning the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station has been referred to the EPA Region 2 Office and I have been asked to reply to your message.

EPA has limited authority to regulate radionuclide emissions or discharges from nuclear power plants during their routine operation. Licensing of these facilities is primarily within the purview of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). It is appropriate, then, that the letter which you included with your e-mail is addressed to the NRC.

Your e-mail message and the attached letter to the NRC raise several issues which I will not attempt to restate here. However, the items discussed and your requests clearly relate to the NRC authority to license and regulate the Oyster Creek Station. EPA appreciates knowing that you are interested and attempting to be heard as part of NRC's procedures. Nevertheless, it would not be appropriate for EPA to comment or otherwise seek involvement in these matters which are part of NRC's explicit jurisdiction. I trust that NRC will respond to your correspondence within the scope and context of their authority.

Thank you again for sharing your views. If you wish to reach me for any reason, you may send a return message or call me at 212-637-3546.

Sincerely,

Michael F. DeBonis, Acting Chief  
Radiation and Indoor Air Branch  
Division of Environmental Planning and Protection  
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Subject Fwd: Oyster Creek - Letter re: operational issues

Message Body

Hello All

Attached please find a letter to the NRC from our coalition about Oyster Creek. It explains exactly why relicensing cannot proceed for a variety of reasons, including, Exelon's failure to meet required conditions set forth by the Atomic Committee on Reactor Safety.

Also, NRC staff inspections are being conducted at this time, with an exit meeting to follow. It is imperative that the public be given ample notification, and that the meeting is open to the public. An explanation as to why the meeting should be open also is contained in the attached letter. In an effort to ensure transparency, we will need your help to ensure that this meeting is not held behind closed doors.

Thank you very much for continuing to ensure the safety of citizens.

Janet Tauro and Peggi Sturmfels  
 New Jersey Environmental Federation  
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