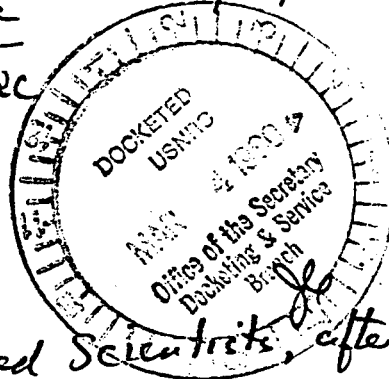


Re: Federal Register - Call for
Public Response

2/23/80

Chairman John Ahearn, USNRC
1717 H. Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearn:

The Union of Concerned Scientists, after careful examination, have found serious defects in the Indian Point Nuclear plants, only 30 miles or so from my home. I am worried, and angry over Harold Denton's high-handed decision not to close the plants now. What should be done, as a minimum approach is 1. Set up an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. 2. Compile a factual record of every item in the UCS petition. 3. This to be done through adjudicatory hearings which should be the means of setting up procedural safeguards. 4. The commissioners, not the fact-gathering ASLB, should decide - make the decision on the UCS petition. 5. Suspend operation of the plants now until the Commissioners have made their final decision. 6. Hold hearings where I can attend - in the affected radius of the plants, which I consider to be ~~between~~ or up to 35 or 50 miles, probably 50, certainly 35 where (over)

balloons, released at the plants have landed -
in my area!

This should be done now. My family's health and perhaps our lives are at stake. Delay may mean increased numbers of cases of leukemia - which are already on the rise in my town - and an irreversible catastrophe if the ZCS is even partly correct.

Urgently,

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P.S. Although the governor of my state and the NRC appear to regard the Connecticut boarder as a lead impregnated barrier to radiation from Indian Point, I do not so regard it!