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United States Atomic Energy Commission  
Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, Chairman  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Dr. Ray,

The Citizens Association for Safe Energy would like to take this opportunity to strongly urge you, and the other AEC Commissioners, to block any operation or testing, above 20% rated capacity of the Indian Point #2 nuclear power plant near Peekskill, New York.

As you know, this plant has suffered a tremendous number of safety-related failures, prompting several worthy scientists to express their particular concern over it's eventual operation. This list includes several proponents of nuclear power.

Several safety related problems, which were exposed during the extensive operating license hearings, have yet to be corrected satisfactorily. These include the slip-shod repairs made after the disastrous fire of November 4, 1971, thin-walled valves and piping, etc., etc.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the plant is it's continuing poor performance. Only two weeks ago two doors to the containment opened inadvertently, TWICE. Of course there were no major difficulties because of the nature of the problem and the fact that the reactor was shut down. The incident did demonstrate, however, that Indian Point #2 is still experiencing bizarre, dangerous failures - even before operation. What are we to expect if it is ever used at high power?

Abandonment of the plant or restricted activity to 20% power will undoubtedly mean an economic loss for Consolidated Edison, and we consider this unfortunate for Con Ed and the consumer. However, we feel that the enormous risks of this plant warrant at best complete abandonment or at least severely restricted operation. Approximately \$3.00 per person in the Con Ed service area, the estimated cost of abandonment, would be a small price to pay for the security which we the citizens of this area could live in, rather than the constant worry of a catastrophic accident which we will otherwise be forced to live under.

Former AEC Chairman Dr. James Schlesinger said in recent hearings before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy that the intervenors in the Indian Point #2 case (Citizens Committee for the Protection of the Environment) had brought out serious quality assurance problems and said further "More power to them." We think that it is important to note that the Citizens Committee has again called for abandonment of the plant. If CCPE was right about Con Ed's quality assurance program, would it not be correct to listen to what that organization is now saying? Especially since quality assurance problems in large part remain unsolved.

On behalf of the 10 million citizens in close proximity to Indian Point, we urge you in the strongest terms to consider with utmost seriousness our suggestion.

Sincerely,

  
Franklin L. Gage, Coordinator

Rec'd Off. Dir. of Reg.

Date 5/16/73

Time 11:00

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For Immediate Release

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CASE URGES REACTOR CUTBACK TO AEC CHAIRMAN

In a letter to Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Dixy Lee Ray, the Citizens Association for Safe Energy has suggested that the Indian Point #2 nuclear plant near Peekskill not be permitted to operate or be tested at any level above 20% rated capacity.

Citing the long list of safety-related failures and problems at the plant, the citizens' group said "We feel that the enormous risks of this plant warrant at best abandonment or at least severely restricted operation." CASE acknowledged that such a procedure would mean an economic loss to Con Edison and the consumer, but asserted that "Approximately \$3.00 per person in the Con Ed service area, the estimated cost of abandonment, would be a small price to pay for the security which we the citizens of this area could live in, rather than the constant worry of a catastrophic accident which we will otherwise be forced to live under."

In the letter to Dr. Ray, it was also noted that Dr. James Schlesinger, until recently AEC Chairman, said in hearings before the congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy that the intervenors in the Indian Point #2 licensing hearings (Citizens Committee for the Protection of the Environment of Ossining) had brought out serious quality assurance problems and said further "More power to them." That group has repeatedly called for abandonment of the plant, most recently in an open letter to Mr. Charles Luce, Con Ed Board Chairman. If CCPE was right about these problems, said CASE, the AEC should now listen when that same group calls for abandonment of Indian Point #2.

CASE is a non-profit citizen action group, advocating a moratorium on further nuclear power plant licensing, conservation of all forms of energy, and research into alternative sources of electrical power including solar energy, geothermal, coal gasification, etc.

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NOTE TO EDITORS - Enclosed is a copy of the Letter to Dr. Ray cited above, which you may wish to use in it's entirety or as information for a rewritten story.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
Atomic Energy Commission

May <sup>15</sup> 1973

To : Director of Regulation

Subject: 5/3/73 ltr, Citizens Assn. for  
Safe Energy, Croton-on-Hudson, NY  
urging Chairman to block any oper-  
ation of testing above 20% rated  
capacity of Indian Point #2

Prepare reply for signature of:

Chairman  
Commissioner  
GM, DR, GC, PA, IS

Please return original with  
response

For Direct Reply  
 Send Copy of Reply to:  
 Chairman  
 Commissioners

For appropriate action

For information

REMARKS: Info cys provided other Com-  
missioners.

For the Chairman:

Paul C. Linder

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 Indian Point 2 above 20% rated capacity**

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**Urges the Chairman to block any operation or testing of Indian Point 2 above 10% rated capacity**

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