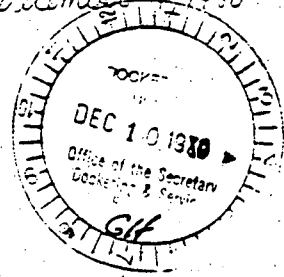


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December 1, 1980

Mr. John Ahearn  
Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearn:

I am very troubled and concerned about the recent water leak at the Indian Point plant. My already negative opinions toward nuclear power have been reinforced by this incident.

We, the Public, have been told that America must find alternate sources of energy and end our dependence on foreign countries. Nuclear power seems to be the most inexpensive and efficient way of meeting this goal. But is this really true? I don't believe so. Obviously our knowledge of ensuring nuclear safety is not extensive enough. If it was, we wouldn't have any accidents. What's the sense of continuing to develop and depend on nuclear power if public safety can't be assured?

I am concerned because workers were exposed to radiation. And then I read this leak was found by accident. Warning lights that showed a dangerous situation was present were ignored. Can we really afford to have incompetent people working at these plants? And finally Con Ed has the nerve to restart the reactor without detailed safety checks. The NRC and the public were not informed until days later. Is

Con Ed so concerned with profits that they disregard public safety and concern? It seems so.

I urge you to refuse Consolidated Edison and the Power Authority of the State of New York the permission to resume operations of the plant until the promised safety hearings have been held.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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