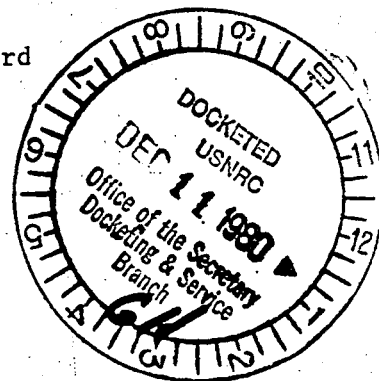


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Commissioner John Ahearne
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Commissioner Ahearne:

The Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant is presently shut down so testing and examinations can be carried out. This was due, as you know, to a leak of 100,000 gallons of salt water which leaked into the containment vessel.

Why did this happen? It came about because of Con Edison's clear negligence. None of the employees in the control room noticed any abnormalities. This means someone was not doing his/her job. Accidents that are caused by negligence that can affect millions of humans lives cannot be tolerated!

Con Edison has repeatedly violated even minimal safety rules and regulations. I therefore urge you to revoke their license to operate Indian Point. If this is not done, then tell me, what is the purpose of these regulations? Mr. Luce of Con Edison obviously does not take the lives of 40 million rate paying citizens lives very seriously, including his own.

Need I remind you of the corrosive effects of salt water? The Hudson River does not need radioactive contamination to add to its present chemical and sewage contamination.

YOU are responsible to oversee the health and safety of, in this case, 40 million human beings. This includes innocent children, as well as tax-paying adults.

Little to no maintenance of this plant, in all the years of its operation, already make it a hazard. The water leak, if not properly and extensively examined will cause an increase in release of low-level radiation, as well as contamination to nearby waters and soil. Personnel of Con Ed at best, will report as little as they can. An outside agency, not connected with them must inspect everything including the INSIDE OF THE CONTAINMENT VESSEL. This can be done with proper lead clothing and protection. If it is too dangerous for anyone to go inside, then it is too dangerous to operate the plant at all!

Con Ed must pay for their negligence! They continuously have made efforts to cover up their errors and previous accidents, as well as this one. No one was officially notified of this leak! It is totally outrageous for Con Ed to be permitted to charge their ratepayers for their mistake! I assure you of the adverse public sentiment on this. New Yorkers are furious with the present rates--the highest in the country, never mind increases--every time Mr. Luce decides he needs more cash.

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New Yorkers are already financially burdened, I repeat, Many of us will simply join new campaigns to delete added new charges on our electric bills. We simply will not pay."

PLEASE - DO YOUR JOB AND REVOKE CON ED's LICENSE.

May I also remind you of Indian Point's location--near a fault line? 40 million peoples lives are in danger in case of any accident that is extensive! Those are living breathing persons made of flesh and blood --like you are made of. They are not just numbers. It is not possible to evacuate that many people over a few bridges and tunnels.

Due to the above I urge to you NOT to reopen Indian Point at any time.

Extensive tests should be made to find out exactly how much of the environment is already damaged or contaminated. All wastes must be sufficiently shielded.

Normally, I don't believe in shipping wastes around, but in the case of earthquake territory, I believe it should be. That is, when a SAFE method of carrying these wastes is determined and a place is found for them. By safe I do NOT mean over the 59th St Bridge in NYC, as the Federal DOT proposes.

Thank you. Please pay close attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



(Mrs.) Eve Weiss

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