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Mr. Joseph Hendrie Acting Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

It has been brought to my attention that the officials in Westchester County, New York, are concerned that the Emergency Radiological Response Plan to be adopted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA for the Indian Point nuclear power facility may be unrealistic and unworkable.

I understand that proposed plans are currently at odds with local community expectations and understandings. In Westchester, emergency response plans required by the NRC have been developed with virtually no local government, emergency service, or citizen group input.

I would appreciate your informing me of your plans to take into account the concerns and criticisms of Westchester residents with regard to this plan and your efforts to hold public hearings on the implementation of safety plans in New York as well as the rest of the country.

Thank you in advance for responding to this request.

Sincerely,

Alfonse D'Amato United States Senator

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