

February 8, 1980

Mr. Harold Denton, General Counsel
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton,

This statement is submitted by Jo Levinson in support of the petition of the Union of Concerned Scientists, filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on September 17, 1979, and requesting a proceeding pursuant to 10 CFR, Section 2.202. The petition requests the decommissioning of Indian Point Unit 1 and the suspension of operations at Units 2 and 3. The petition cites serious safety defects at Units 2 and 3 and questions the overall suitability of siting nuclear reactors less than 30 miles from New York City.

The Indian Point No. 2 and No. 3 reactors are not equipped with the usual range of safety devices which should be required because of dense nearby populations.

The Indian Point reactors have had a history of repeated human and mechanical failures.

It is not possible to safeguard the reactors against sabotage.

It is questionable whether the plants could withstand a severe earthquake from the nearby Ramapo Fault.

40% of the time the wind blows toward my home in Greenwich from the Indian Point plants.

The NRC has not analyzed all types of accidents that could occur at these plants, especially the consequences of power excursions.

Because of population density, evacuation would be difficult if not impossible. Inasmuch as there are no even rudimentary emergency response plans in place, the reactors should be closed down until there is approval by a majority of the voters in a binding referendum.

For these reasons, I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to act promptly and favorably on the Union of Concerned Scientists petition. The Indian Point plants should be promptly phased out.

Respectfully submitted,

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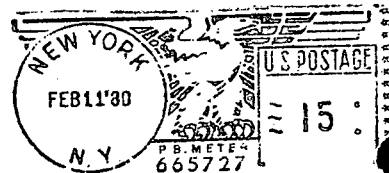
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