

February 25th, 1980

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



Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Our family would like to express our feelings on H. Denton's unacceptable decisions with respect to Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Facility. The UCS petition raises a great deal of problems and risks with the operation of Indian Point that are not dealt with in the decisions. Denton only suggests changes which underclose scrutiny reveal cosmetic rearrangement. We must protest such an approach to a plant which puts many millions of people in danger!

A course of action that has been suggested (and which has our full support) is the establishment of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to conduct public adjudication hearings and compile a factual record on all points raised by the UCS (re: Indian Point). Further we believe that the decision-making responsibility should be in the hands of the Commissioners (not the staff or the ASLB).

In the mean time the forementioned nuclear facility should be closed pending those decisions...for you have been made responsible for the protection of the public.

Sincerely,

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