

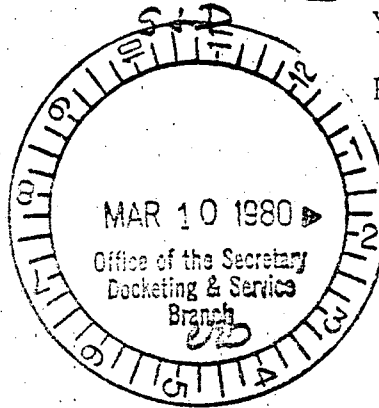
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Chairman John Ahearne:



I am a concerned citizen responding to the NRC request in the Federal Register for public comment on the Union of Concerned Scientist's petition decision, regarding the Indian Point Power Plant shutdown in Westchester County, New York. I would like it known that I, for one, reject Harold Denton's decision on the UCS petition, as inadequate to deal with the serious problems at Indian Point.

I urge that the NRC set up an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, and ^{that} this Board call adjudicatory hearings, in order to compile a factual record and data on items addressed in the UCS petition dealing with problems of siting and evacuation and of safety at Indian Point. This data-gathering through these hearings is a prime way of assuring adequate procedural safeguards if cross-examination, testimony under oath and subpoenaing of documents is required. These hearings should include a presence in the 50 mile radius of Indian Point so local residents can participate. I consider it of critical importance that the NRC Commissioners make the final decisions on the UCS petition, not the Licensing Board. I would also urge that Indian Point II and III's operation be suspended during the period the Commission is making its decision.

I would wish to see all of this accomplished in the shortest possible time. For all of us living in the shadow of Indian Point, speed is very important as the imminent danger of these plants is a constant concern. Thank you for your time.

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Yours truly,