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Dear NRC:

First of all, let me ask why the lack of public notice regarding the public hearing to be held for Limerick Licensing Extension when in fact the current permit is through 2024 and Exelon is asking for another 20 year extension? Your first priority is NOT for the publically traded, for profit company to rush to get this public notice "done" as a requirement to extend the permit another 20 years out which is not due to expire for another 10+ years but to rather really solicit input from the community and folks impacted. The NRC did not do so. There was one article in the local newspapers stating that there would a public session and only saw the actual notice, by virtue of an article in the North Penn Reporter yesterday. This is not proper notice in general and not sure NRC did what is required. What is required and what have you done? And if proper notice was not done, I want another one(s) scheduled please. I, respectfully, am very interested in this answer.

FEEL FREE TO READ THE FOLLOWING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Now, let's get to the big issue at hand. Limerick should NOT be approved for an extension with their permit for the following reasons:

- It is NOT due to expire until 2024 – thus, Exelon has nothing to loss but get an extension sooner than later so they can sit back and relax operating for the next 20+ years.
- Limerick is designated as one of the TOP THREE nuclear plants in the country based on it's construction (which is similar to the ones in Japan – and we see how they failed) and the fact that it sits on an earthquake fault line.
- The NRC JUST a few weeks ago stated that "more information needs to be done and studied" regarding further fortifying nuclear plants regarding earthquakes. Thus, until you folks know exactly what needs to be done, etc. THERE IS NOTHING TO APPROVE as long as Limerick sits in it's current position.
- Do NOT think that earthquakes only happen on the West Coast – as we JUST had a 6+ earthquake less than a month ago. BY ONLY luck was there no damage to the plant, environment or community.
- The NRC had NO business allowing this plant to ever be built a) so close to such populated areas like Philadelphia (now, what the 3 largest city in the country?) within less than an hour, and exactly due SE from the site.
- When Limerick was built, there was no idea that the area would grow in population like it has. For safety reasons, just look on any given day the traffic on Route 422 – stacked and stuck for miles on end. Route 422 is the #1 route for evacuations and does not handle regular commuter traffic let alone entire communities.
- The NRC and USA Government STILL have not decided on where to store spent nuclear rods and as we speak each spent rod is sitting in baths on the Limerick sit, stacking up – expanding even a greater hazard to the community, environment, etc. SO put simply, there is ABOSLUTELY NO REASON to approve this request for YEARS until the US Government decides how they will handle such rods and such rods and properly stored.
- There are many other environmental friendly sources of energy and Limerick as anything but that. As a matter of fact, Limerick is a TIME BOMB, placed at the wrong location, on the wrong land, too close to major populations, run by a for profit company who can not even handle the basic maintenance issues of power lines, in an aged building without the newest technology nor able to stand a real earthquake, and on and on.
- The cooling towers are within basic walking distance from shopping malls and all right aside of it – please explain that – with minimal security from what many of us can see.

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- Let's also mention a fact that Category I Hurricane Irene, which could have been a Category 3, just zipped less than 100 miles away from the site a few weeks ago and then Hurricane Lee which decided to travel further East came close to also causing chaos. Limerick is still TOO close to the disaster of Hurricanes as well.
- Lastly, some who have a vested interest in working at the plant, etc. are quick to state that it is safe, etc. – not now, nor has it ever been fool proof against disasters, technical glitches, etc.

Thus, I feel firmly and many in the community feel the exact same way, that there is NO REASON to approve NOW (especially so far in advance, with no answer on usage rods nor what needs to be done to prevent a meltdown due to an earthquake, etc.) or EVER since the population will only increase and the facility age further. It is the wrong timing, wrong plant, wrong place, etc. for Limerick. Maybe Exelon can put in as much effort and “energy” to develop solar fields, wind, etc... They would rather beat the hell out of a high efficiency plant at any and all cost to the environment and community. This is where the NRC does the right thing and says NO until a year before it expires. NRC needs to take a stand as you have the data and know what I have stated above is more than fair and true.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

Joe Roberto