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General Comment

My wife, Mirla Morrison and I submitted a Statement of Limited Appearance to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel for its hearing on October 15, 2012 on the application for relicensing of Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, New York. Our statement, dated 23 August 2012 is attached as an uploaded file, and concluded as follows:

"There is no argument that high and dangerous levels of residual radiation are contained in the spent rods. Their accumulation at local power plants continues without end. One must therefore conclude that long-term safety at nuclear power plant storage sites cannot be guaranteed regardless of the storage method used. Nor can there be a guarantee of safe, long-distance transport to a certified nuclear waste depository. The history of rail, truck, ship and air transport indicates there are inevitable accidents involving crashes, spillages, derailments and sinkings. The potential for local nuclear contamination becomes both a scientific and a political issue.

Without dwelling on the issues of safety within the nuclear power plants themselves, but seriously examining the spent nuclear rod issue, we recommend to the Panel that it deny the relicensing of Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, New York."

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STATEMENT OF LIMITED APPEARANCE-Atomic Licensing and Safety Board

STATEMENT OF LIMITED APPEARANCE

To the Honorable Judges of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel:

With regard to the hearings of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the relicensing application of Entergy Corporation for its Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, New York

IDENTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Name and address:

We are Mirla N. Morrison and George J. Morrison, wife and husband, and joint owners of the house and premises 240 Macy Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510-1018 located in the Town of Ossining, Westchester County.

Summarize your qualifications:

As co-owners of the above referenced property, which lies within the ten-mile warning zone of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, NY, and as continuous occupiers of said property since April 1969, we have studied the issues concerning property and personal safety, security and health that would result from an event(s) at the plant while we are in our home, and in the event the emergency requires evacuation, how such movement could further result in even more perilous safety, security and health issues.

Summary:

Why you must deny relicensing of Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, NY.

The New York Times in a front page article by Matthew Wald on August 3, 2012 stated: "A federal appeals court indicated Friday that it would issue an order for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to resume an evaluation of a possible nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, a volcanic ridge in the Nevada desert, unless Congress acted by December to resolve the legal tangle around the project."

Whatever happens concerning the resumption of an evaluation of a possible nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, the issue of the transportation of spent rods from nuclear power plants by conventional means of transportation: rail, truck, ship, air and any combination of them, will incur the wrath of those members of the population through whose territory such shipments are to take place. There is strong indication that the states, themselves, will contest positive findings for the establishment of this and other waste repositories.

There is no argument that high and dangerous levels of residual radiation are contained in the spent rods. Their accumulation at local power plants continues without end. One must therefore

conclude that long-term safety at nuclear power plant storage sites cannot be guaranteed regardless of the storage method used. Nor can there be a guarantee of safe, long-distance transport to a certified nuclear waste depository. The history of rail, truck, ship and air transport indicates there are inevitable accidents involving crashes, spillages, derailments and sinkings. The potential for local nuclear contamination becomes both a scientific and a political issue.

Without dwelling on the issues of safety within the nuclear power plants themselves, but seriously examining the spent nuclear rod issue, we recommend to the Panel that it deny the relicensing of Units 2 and 3 of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant at Buchanan, New York.

We thank you for the consideration of our Statement of Limited Appearance.

Mirla N. Morrison

George J. Morrison

23 August 2012