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Limerick Nuclear Plant Environmental Impact Statement
NUREG-1457, Supplement 49, Docket ID NRC-2011-0166

NRC ignored and/or dismissed the hundreds of pages of ACE written EIS testimony presented to NRC October 2011, documenting through permit reviews, records from NRC's own files, PA Cancer Registry data, and other state health statistics, Limerick's unprecedented threats and harms to our region and its residents.

✓ **ACE officers and others testified at NRC's 5-23-13 public hearing on Limerick's Environmental Impact Statement. To Review Testimonies See: www.acereport.org.**

Alliance For A Clean Environment (ACE) members reviewed and analyzed NRC's 585 page DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Limerick Nuclear Plant. It is a disgraceful whitewash of Limerick Nuclear Plant's radioactive contamination of us and our environment, of major toxic chemical contamination of our air and water from Limerick's cooling towers and other sources, and of Limerick's unprecedented threats to the drinking water supplies for millions of people across six counties, as well as the Schuylkill River ecosystem.

Limerick released radiation into our air and water since 1985. Even though we can't see, smell, feel, or taste it, it's everywhere. Exposure to Limerick's radiation is an unavoidable injustice.

Don't be fooled! 'Permissible' doesn't mean safe. The National Academy of Sciences BEIR VII report (2005) said there is "NO SAFE DOSE".

Dr. John Gofman, former Atomic Energy Commission chief, raised dire warnings about permitted radiation releases from nuclear plants, publishing research showing an estimated 32,000 Americans would die each year from fatal cancers induced by "allowable" radiation releases. Gofman said, "The entire nuclear power program is based on a fraud, that there is a permissible dose that wouldn't hurt anyone."

Cancers skyrocketed after 1985, when Limerick started releasing radiation into us and our environment. Shocking cancer rates are documented far higher than the national average, especially in children, with data from the PA Cancer Registry and CDC website. ACE cancer mapping is alarming. Our relay for life is one of the largest anywhere. Limerick's radiation releases are obviously a major factor.

Limerick is a major air polluter under health-based standards of the Clean Air Act, releasing so much cooling tower PM-10, that Limerick needed a 6-fold permit increase in 2009. PM-10 is considered more deadly than ozone.

Limerick discharges of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) into the Schuylkill River are up to five times Safe Drinking Water Standards. TDS transports radiation and cooling tower toxics into this vital drinking water source for almost two million people from Pottstown to Philadelphia. Cooling towers are depleting the river, even after supplementation with toxic unfiltered mine water and other sources.

FINCNIAL INJUSTICE OF MAJOR PROPORPTIONS!

We get the harms, Exelon gets the profits, and others including in other states get electric. Limerick's electric goes to the grid. It isn't produced just for people in our region. However, ratepayers in our region paid the lion's share of the \$6.8 billion in costs for Limerick construction in their monthly electric bills from 1985 to 2010, and we still pay each month for Limerick decommissioning. Property taxes were avoided by PECO/Exelon from 1985 to 2002, when a court ordered Exelon to pay only \$3 million each year, instead of the \$17 million that should be paid each year.

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