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Allison M. Macfarlane, Chair
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Transcripts or audio recordings of NRC public meetings

Dear Ms. Macfarlane:

At the NRC public safety meeting on Indian Point this past May, more than one speaker expressed the opinion that the agency's policy not to make transcripts or audio recordings of such meetings is misguided.

When Regional Administrator Bill Dean remarked "I would not recommend it because I don't think it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars," he could not have been speaking on behalf of the interests of the many taxpayers and constituents I represent.

Many people can't get to a two hour meeting in the middle of the week at a local hotel to hear important testimony first hand.

Making it impossible for people to read or listen to testimony on safety issues of this importance is not good government. Everyone has a right to know, and to refer to as many times as they wish, all the questions of the NRC on occasions such as these and the answers they're given by the agency's representatives.

As chair of the Environment & Energy committee of the Board of Legislators, I am in the position to urge the NRC to change policy and create a permanent record of all that is said at NRC local meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours truly,

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