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December 14, 1981

The Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been contacted by a number of my constituents regarding the recent hearings conducted by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board on the Susquehanna Units 1 and 2 nuclear power plant. The plant is presently under construction by the Pennsylvania Power & Light (PP&L) Company near Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Many of those attending the hearings have expressed concern that the licensing board did not adequately address a number of issues, and that the hearings were "rigged" to favor PP&L. Of primary concern is the evacuation plan for the ten-mile emergency zone surrounding the reactor. Many area residents feel the present plan does not ensure the safety of the community in the event of an emergency, particularly under adverse weather conditions. I have been informed that there was little or no public input during the development of the plan, thus adding to the feeling of "helplessness" described by several of my constituents.

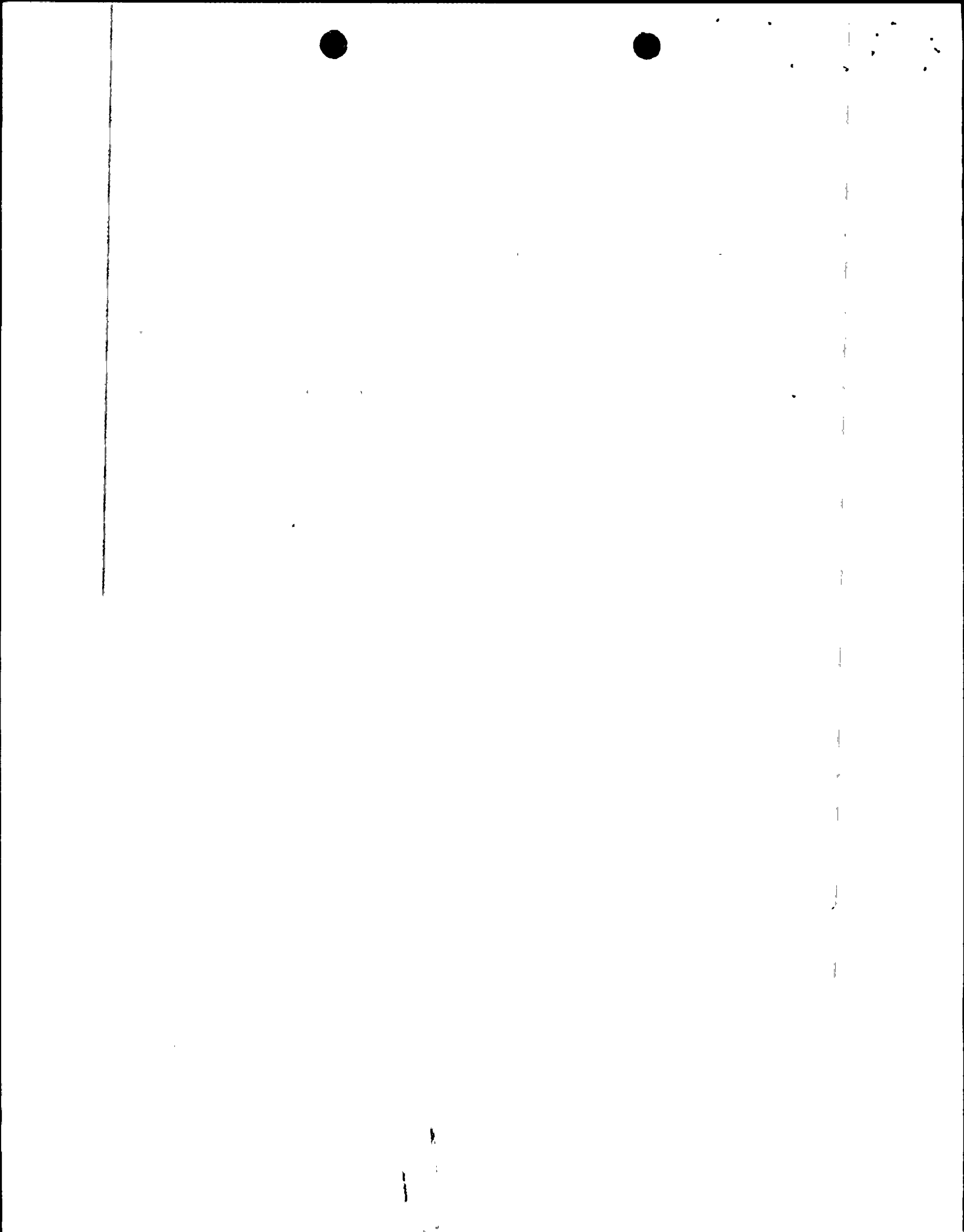
Specifically, the following questions have been raised:

1. Were the licensing hearings conducted in a responsible manner, allowing for meaningful public input?

2. What is the standard procedure for alerting the public to the evacuation plans, and was this procedure properly carried out? (One intervenor at the hearings alleged that the evacuation plans were not published or were withheld prior to the hearings.)

3. To what extent will emergency crews be trained and how often will practice drills occur?

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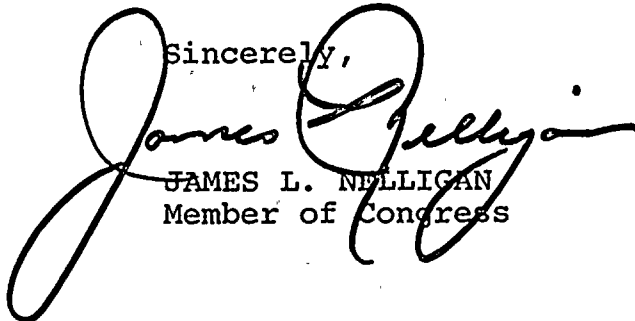
4. Why is there no written plan for the evacuation of school children?

5. What provisions have been made regarding the handling and storage of nuclear waste at the Susquehanna facility?

I would appreciate your response to these questions, as well as an explanation of how the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will weigh public concerns in the licensing decision.

The health and safety of the public must be of the highest priority when the NRC is considering the construction or licensing of a nuclear plant in a residential area. I am hopeful that such consideration will not be neglected in this case.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Nelligan". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

JAMES L. NELLIGAN  
Member of Congress

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