

Mr. Lando Zech
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Zech:

The SHEARON HARRIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN is vital to the public health and safety of North Carolina residents living near the plant. As a resident who lives only 7 miles from the Shearon Harris plant I believe it is very important for us to have a "run through" exercise if people are going to respond calmly in the event of an actual emergency.

In fact, I have never heard the plant's emergency whistles blow in our area, and have no idea what it sounds like - - - if in fact it is different from our fire sirens and various ambulance alarms.

On May 27, 1986, the Chatham County Commissioners withdrew from the plan in response to the concerns of thousands of concerned citizens who questioned the adequacy of the Plan's evacuation provisions. As a result of promises to improve the Plan, the Chatham County Commissioners agreed to rejoin the effort to arrive at a satisfactory and adequate Plan. It is my understanding that once this reversal was made, the power company (CP & L) then asked to be exempt from a Full Emergency Test of the plan.

Other counties in the area are considering requests for expansion and/or revision of the Plan.

Please note that the plant's emergency siren system has never been fully tested and the system has already failed during May 1985 and June-July 1986. A full emergency test is necessary to insure that the system is fully functioning and to insure that participants and residents will know what to do in an emergency.

In view of the changes proposed and presumably to be affected in the Plan, it has become all the more critical that the provisions of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1 be fully enforced. The Power Company (CP & L) should be required to conduct a Full Participation Emergency Exercise prior to final licensing of the Shearon Harris Plant. This exercise should certainly take place BEFORE its commercial operation is permitted. While on a tour of the Plant, I was told that the emergency sirens would be tested sometime next year, after they expect to be operating. This casual attitude toward safety has me very concerned, and I ask that you please insure that the emergency system is fully tested through a Full Participation Exercise before the plant is licensed. We have a right to know whether we are being protected by a functioning emergency plan. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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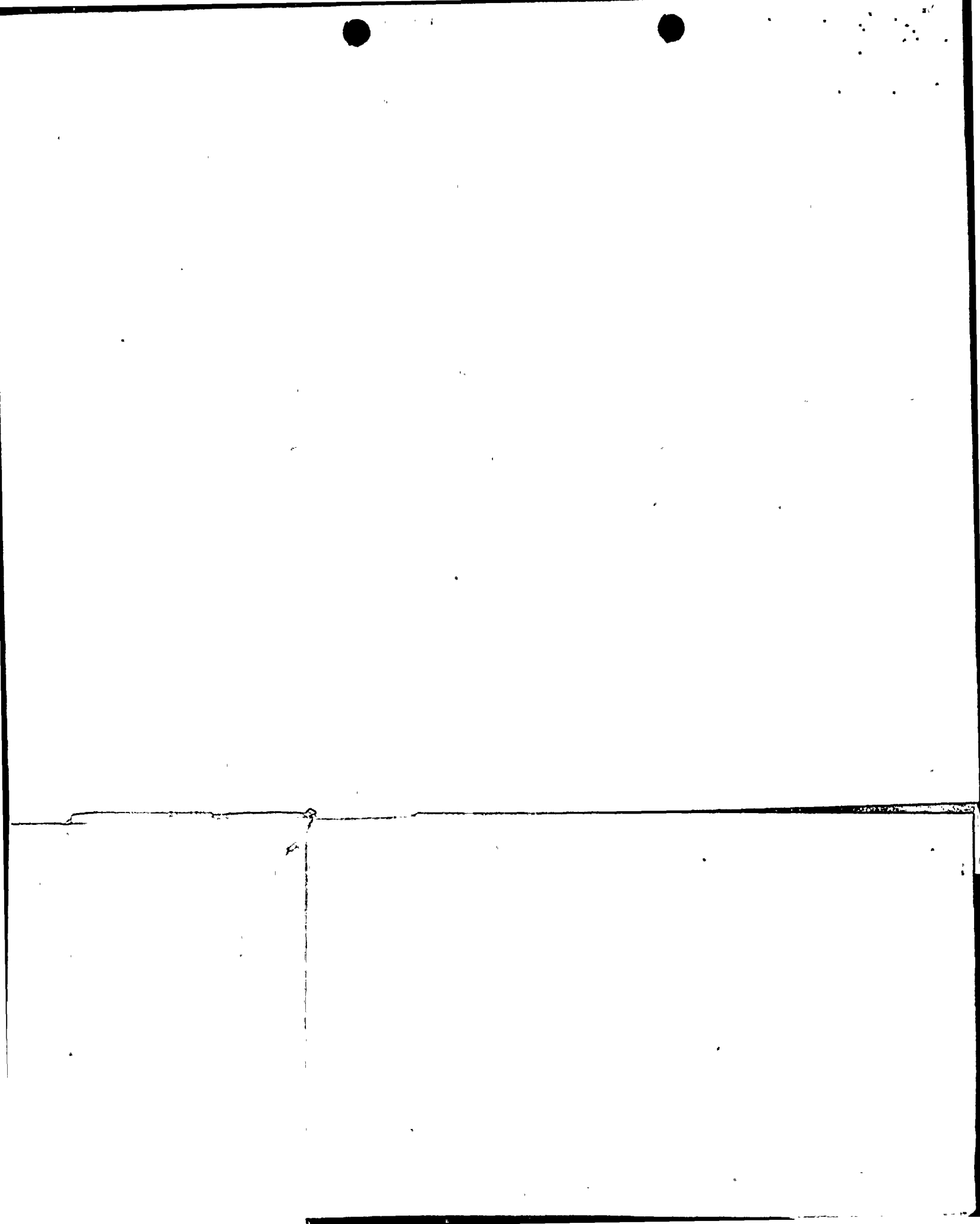
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Dear Senator Broyhill:

We address the same concerns to you, our representative, as are written in our enclosed letter to Chairman Zech of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We strongly request that the Carolina Power and Light Company be required to conduct a Full Participation Emergency Exercise to test the Emergency Response Plan for their Shearon Harris nuclear plant as required by federal law (10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1).

The adequacy and effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan is absolutely critical to the health and safety of all who live in this area and it is imperative that the Plan indeed be tested before Shearon Harris is allowed to operate and the possibility of an accident and the actual need for an evacuation is presented.

In view of the substantial changes made and anticipated to be made in the Plan, since the previous exercise in May 1985, and of the considerable problems with that previous exercise, plus the demonstrated failures of the emergency siren system in May 1985 and again in June and July 1986, it has become all the more critical that the Company be required to conduct the Full Participation Emergency Exercise. Without this exercise, we cannot be assured that in the case of a possible accident or other emergency at Shearon Harris, the people involved will be protected by the Emergency Response Plan.

The adequacy and effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan for Shearon Harris nuclear plant is a critical issue for all who live here. The lives and safety of thousands of people are involved. As our representative, we would appreciate your most serious consideration of this issue, and your support in requiring a Full Participation Emergency Exercise by Carolina Power and Light Company before Shearon Harris is licensed for commercial operation.

Sincerely,

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