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Dear Sirs:

The Northeastern Group of the Sierra Club, which comprises Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming counties, is very concerned about the draft Environmental Statement for the PP&L Berwick Nuclear Plant. A preliminary review finds the report flawed and incomplete in the following:

1. Three Mile Island is only mentioned in a footnote that states it has not been considered.
2. Discussion of the health effects of radiation and radioactive waste disposal do not note the present controversy among scientists concerning risks, safe dosage, and waste disposal techniques.
3. The project site and transmission lines have not had a competent archeological survey.
4. The new transmission line will cross the gorge of the Lehigh River, a Pennsylvania Scenic River candidate.
5. Nuclear energy is compared to coal unfairly because the potentially enormous benefits of revitalizing the anthracite area are not calculated.

Please make these comments part of the official record. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

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