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September 10, 1979

Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

AND PUBLIC DOCUMENT ROOM

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

I am in receipt of a copy of a resolution adopted by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders expressing concern over radioactive discharges from the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant. I am enclosing a copy of that resolution for your use and information.

I would appreciate receiving your comments and evaluation in this regard so that I may respond to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

William J. Hughes
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Member of Congress

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Resolution

OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS



COURT HOUSE
TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY

August 16, 1979

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Ocean, on behalf of County residents and visitors, has consistently expressed its grave concern about the potential dangers and health risks associated with the construction and operation of nuclear generating stations in Lacey Township by Jersey Central Power & Light Company; and

WHEREAS, this Board has actively opposed through litigation the construction of the second nuclear generating station in Lacey Township, the construction of a 550 foot salt water cooling tower, as well as rate increase applications filed by Jersey Central Power & Light; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania on March 28, 1979, this Board's concern for environmental safeguards has even intensified; and

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light has been cited for ninety safety violations within a two-year period and fined \$26,000.00; and


WHEREAS, on August 13-14 1979, some 2300 gallons of radioactive rainwater were discharged into the Oyster Creek without having first been processed through the station's waste treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the facts that this incident was attributable to human error and went unreported until August 15, 1979 dramatize the need for more careful monitoring and reporting of activities at the Oyster Creek facility;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS of the COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that it hereby calls upon the Congress of the United States to take necessary action to provide funding for 24 hours a day/7 days a week radiological monitoring of the Oyster Creek facility by an independent agency charged with the responsibility to notify appropriate Federal, State, County and Local officials of an impending threat or danger of radiation contamination of the atmosphere or water supply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the United States Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from the State of New Jersey, the State Bureau of Radiation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Jersey Central Power & Light Company.

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board




Freeholder Director

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