

Coalition for Public Participation-Region 1 Emergency Preparedness Workshop  
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John Ahearne, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Chairman Ahearne:

Earlier this week we sent you a copy of a mailgram our Coalition for Public Participation addressed to Enrico Conti regarding the Emergency Preparedness Workshop scheduled for January 15th in New York City. The mailgram requested an evening public session to enable working people and students to attend and express their views on the proposed new rules being considered at the workshop. Congressmen Benjamin S. Rosenthal and Theodore S. Weiss also urged that the evening session be scheduled.

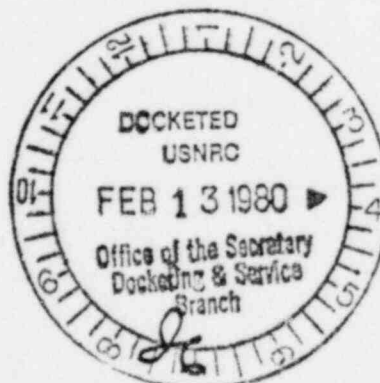
This morning the Office of Standards Development informed us that our request has been granted and that there will be an evening session devoted to public comment from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Our coalition includes 40 public interest, environmental, and safe energy groups from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Many of these groups are planning to present statements during the evening public comment session or during the hours allotted for such comment during the daytime sessions. In addition, we expect that a number of our local representatives will also issue statements expressing their views about emergency preparedness.

We are writing now to urge you to attend this meeting. Members of the public have long felt left out of the nuclear power decision-making process. Public officials and utilities undoubtedly have greater opportunity to make their views known to you than does the average citizen. Your presence at the January 15th workshop would enable you to hear, directly, the views of the public. We believe that your mandate to protect the health and safety of the people dictates that you attend in person.

Coalition for Public Participation

(list of groups enclosed)



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Joan Holt	New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc.
Lorna Salzman	Friends of the Earth
Warren Liebold	Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter Energy Committee
Kathy Engle	Mobilization for Survival
Ronnie Prager	Citizens for Clean Air
John Collins	Clergy and Laity Concerned
Sylvia Wexler	Grey Panthers
Dean Corren	Greater New York Council on Energy
Jim Haughton	Harlem Fightback
Dorothy Eldridge	N.J. SANE
Alec Wysoker	SEA Alliance of N.J.
Sarah Donahue	Anti-Pollution League of N.J.
Larry Bogart	Citizens Energy Council
Joy McNulty	Friends of the Hudson
Ruth Gabey	Tri-State Committee to Close Down Indian Point
Gene Stilp	Pennsylvania Anti-Nuclear Energy Committee
Gerry Schultz	Susquehanna Environmental Advocates
Milton Pokorne	Queens Coalition for Peace and Justice
Hannah Powsner	Womens International League for Peace and Freedom
Marvin Tannenberg	Grianna
Elliot	SHAD Alliance
Connie Hogarth	WESPAC
Barbara Schutt	Artists for a Non-Nuclear World
Ron Schwartz	North Brooklyn Mobilization for Survival
Stan Wittleder	Queens Safe Energy Coalition
Eva Marmorstein	Actor's Coalition Towards a Safe Alternative to Nuclear Energy
Robert Holt	Committee to Protect Children from Nuclear Dangers
Susan Blake	Long Island Citizens in Action
Denise Kessler	Queens Progressive Energy Coalition
Richard Perl	Institute for World Order
Cathy Synan	Ketawomoke Safe Energy Group
Rob Geblum	World Affairs Book Center
Louise Besson	United Citizens Against Nukes
Francoise Brunette	Housatonic Safe Energy Alliance
Ruth Weiss	Solar City
Lynne Harriton	Alternate Currents
Mark Levy	Appropriate Technology Action Coalition
Jeanne Dougherty	NYU Anti-Nuclear Students Organization
	Susquehanna Alliance
	PeaceSmith House, L.I.