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Dear Sirs:

I am contacting you concerning a proposed regulation that would require the formulation of an evacuation plan within a ten mile radius of each nuclear power plant.

I commend you for taking some action in this area. The need for a comprehensive and uniform evacuation policy is long overdue. I would like to comment on some of the specifics of the proposal.

It is my belief that ten miles is simply too short a distance. For example, New York City would be excluded for any evacuation plan for New York City, while it is very possible its residents would be affected.

Of more importance to me are the people of Long Island. It is there the ten mile radius proposal becomes completely unworkable.

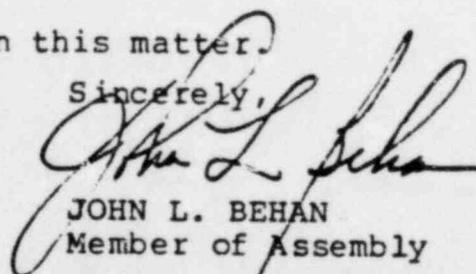
The plant under construction at Shoreham and the proposed plant at Jamesport both are within my district. While I am opposed to the opening of either plant, I feel a responsible evacuation plan should be formulated should either plant open.

My objection centers on the fact that Shoreham and Jamesport are located on an island. The ten mile proposal would effectively leave both the north and south fork helpless in case of a nuclear accident. These areas would be effectively cut off in case of an accident. They would not be afforded the opportunity to move in the opposite direction to escape radiation. Rather, these residents would be caught in a vice between radiation and the ocean.

I would therefore respectfully request that your rules be amended to include all territory east of Shoreham for the formulation of an evacuation plan.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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