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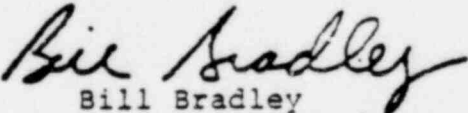
ENCLOSURE FROM: Robert E. Cunningham
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RE: Oyster Creek's Nuclear plant .

I forward the attached for your consideration and would appreciate receiving information in regard to this inquiry as soon as possible. Please return with the original correspondence.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Bill Bradley
United States Senator

Please direct reply to:

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Mr. Senator Bradley
Washington, D.C.

Enclosed is an article that affects me and my family. I live less than 5 miles from Barnegat Bay in New Jersey. If it was up to the gentleman who is employed by JCR&L, ten years from now we have nothing to be worried about nuclear energy. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission seems to think that is something to be NERVOUS about now. JCR&L believes that the 26 cracks that have been reported at Oyster Creek's Nuclear plant were detected because of the Company. Didn't the NRC request all nuclear reactors checked because of Three Mile Island accident??? Would the fact JCR&L have offered this stoppage of a reactor company that is not even a member of the industry being so active and then not even reporting it to the NRC (NRC) before to a certain level before meltdown of a reactor occurs and this false action to the public without the NRC investigating the inspection??? I doubt it very much!

Imagine Barnegat Bay with nuclear waste in the water ten years from now. What was the Indian Point Nuclear Plant closed down permanently which was located less than 100 miles from the heart of n.y.c.? Does Con Edison know anything that JCR&L and GPU doesn't?? I think the public is fed up with all the money and the recent \$226 million increase in rates proposed since 1/1/79. JCR&L and GPU is PU. It still's in the state of N.J., this same company is requesting a \$50 million loan to build a \$1 billion coal plant. This has to be the height of stupidity. How can the state be so stupid?? Senator, your State needs help from you to help the people in the state of New Jersey not be at the mercy of Big Business and Public Utilities Commissions. Ugh!

Yours truly,
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Utility ^{NRC} aide faults NRC emphasis

THE NUCLEAR Regulatory Commission had a "strange reaction to the accident at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant," says a Jersey Central Power & Light Co. official.

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The NRC's reaction was heavy emphasis on equipment changes, said Thomas M. Crimmins Jr., manager for generation engineering.

"I don't think they are as important as people changes and management changes (in attitude)," Crimmins said.

Crimmins was among JCP&L officials who conducted a short tour for reporters Friday of Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Lacey Township and a briefing on latest problems the utility is attempting to solve there.

Crimmins said nuclear energy can be provided safely. "I know we can do it" and the nation needs it. There are still

tremendous opportunities in nuclear energy," he said.

The attitude change is needed by three to the industry who declared there would never be an accident at a nuclear plant, he said. Crimmins said such talk is unrealistic, and compared it to an airline saying there would never be a crash.

"No one should say that about anything," Crimmins said.

Unfortunately, some in the industry went on the defensive and blamed operators of Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania for bringing nuclear energy into disrepute, he said.

Crimmins said while humans took part in the errors at Three Mile Island they also helped keep the accident from developing into a disaster.

The nuclear energy industry is still learning, he said. If the progress of indus-

try technology were to be charted on a graph, "we've been at the steep curve but we're close to the knee," Crimmins said.

Twenty-eight cracks have been reported at Oyster Creek's plant in a reactor core sparger system — an emergency piping and nozzle system activated when reactor cooling water accidentally drops to a certain level.

JCP&L believes so many cracks were detected because it has developed best inspection system in world for the task, Crimmins said.

Through detection of cracks and pinhole corrosion in other pipes exposed to water from Barnegat Bay, the utility is learning what materials should be used for certain systems, he said.

"Years from now people will say 'I wonder why they were so nervous toward nuclear energy,'" Crimmins said.

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