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# **Citizen Action in the NorthEast**

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Harold Denton  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D.C. 20555

February 5, 1981

Dear Mr. Denton:

We members of Citizen Action in the NorthEast are opposed to the Limerick Nuclear Power Plants now being built at Limerick Pa. in Montgomery County- just 21 miles west of Philadelphia. The Limerick Reactors are the closest plants to a major city, under construction anywhere in the U.S. To site nuclear plants in such a densely populated area as Philadelphia is extremely unsafe. In addition, we are shocked to know that absolutely no emergency or evacuation plans have been considered or drawn up. We read about nuclear accidents, spills and leaks almost every day. We have heard that N.R.C. emergency planning hearings around high population density sites will be held later this year. Due to the great interest Philadelphians have shown in the nuclear energy question, evidenced by these petitions, we feel strongly that one of the above mentioned hearings should be in Philadelphia.

C.A.N.E. believes in alternative sources of energy. Solar, windpower systems, hydroelectric power, recycling and conservation. Further, a Dow Midland study indicates that "co-generation", industrial waste heat, could replace the equivalent of 50 large nuclear reactors

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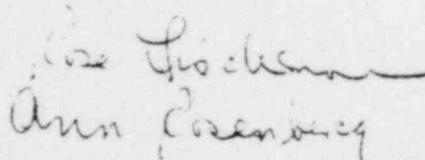
by 1985. We must be ever mindful that Pennsylvania is a large coal state. Coal as energy was pushed aside because oil was cheaper. This is no longer true. Even adding in the cost of "scrubbing" coal to rid our environment of pollutants, coal is less expensive than than oil today. There can be no plausible excuse no to follow these directions when we consider the possibility of many new industries that would provide more technicians and laborers than nuclear plants. Foremost in this proposal is the fact that this direction obviates the danger of nuclear meltdowns , nuclear waste and storage of the same. We are sending you these 2400 signatures on our petition to indicate to you that we are not alone in our viewpoint, but in fact joined by citizens all over NorthEast Philadelphia.

We are also sending this letter and petitions in relation to a pending court case, if your response is going to take over a week please contact us.

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Thank you,

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# Stop the Limerick Nuclear Plants

Philadelphia Electric Co. (PECO) is constructing two nuclear plants at Limerick, Pa., 21 miles from Philadelphia. These reactors are the closest under construction to a major population center in the entire United States.

## Recognizing that:

\*There are many dangers and unknowns associated with the production of nuclear power and the nuclear fuel cycle, including low-level radiation, nuclear wastes, decommissioning (shutting down) of nuclear plants, and catastrophic accidents. Although reactor operators are required to prepare evacuation plans, it is well known that in event of a major nuclear accident it would be impossible to evacuate the population of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Due to the federal Price-Anderson Act, PECO would be exempt from most of the financial responsibility if there was an accident at Limerick, leaving the victims without insurance coverage.

\*Nuclear power has not proven to be the cheap source of energy that was promised, but instead even after receiving immense subsidies for research and from tax loopholes is threatening to make electricity unaffordable for many consumers. The cost of Limerick has skyrocketed from an original projection of \$760 million to a current estimate of \$3.2 billion.

\*The alternatives to nuclear power are readily available. Conservation, by making our buildings, industries, and transportation system more efficient, can save far more energy than nuclear power will provide. A gradual transition to renewable energy sources such as solar energy is feasible and economical.

## We call for:

- 1.) AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMERICK NUCLEAR PLANT
- 2.) INSTITUTION OF PLANS FOR RELIANCE ON CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE DELAWARE VALLEY, FULL BENEFITS DURING THE TRANSITION, RETRAINING, AND NEW JOBS FOR WORKERS DISPLACED BY THE CONSTRUCTION HALT.

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