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The Honorable Alforse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

This is in response to your letter of September 20, 1983, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which enclosed a letter from your constituent, Mr. Albert E. Krewer of Brooklyn, New York, in which he expressed concern regarding evacuation at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station during severe weather conditions.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been an active participant in the Federal government's coordination program to assure effective emergency planning in the environs surrounding a nuclear power facility. However, the NRC is primarily responsible for assessing the adequacy of onsite emergency plans developed by nuclear power plant licensees. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), by Presidential directive, has been assigned the responsibility for assessing the adequacy of offsite emergency planning around nuclear power plants. Accordingly, I am forwarding a copy of your correspondence to FEMA Headquarters for their consideration and response.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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Executive Director for Operations

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Dear Senator D'Amato:

The Commission has asked me to reply to your letter of June 4, 1986 requesting the Commission to ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct a public meeting on FEMA's assessment of the February 13, 1986 emergency planning exercise for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant.

FEMA has said that its regulations do not require such a public meeting, and the Commission does not believe that it should second-guess FEMA on what FEMA's own regulations mean. However, the Commission has ordered a public hearing on the exercise results in which the principal interested parties, including the State of New York and Suffolk County, can participate. The State of New York, Suffolk County, and the Town of Southampton submitted a request similar to yours to the Commission on June 3, and the Commission addressed this request in a Memorandum and Order of June 6, 1986. A copy is enclosed for your information.

I hope that this letter responds adequately to your concerns.

Respectfully,

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Acting General Counsel

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