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Hon. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
Hon. John F. Ahearne
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Hon. James K. Asselstine
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen: Re: Docket Nos. 50-247-SP, 50-266-SP

We are in receipt of your Memorandum of August 20 in reference to the March 3 exercise and the letter of August 23 from Secretary Samuel J. Chilk.

In addition to joining with other intervenors in sending you a statement we wish to add what appears below.

One might not see the connection between the above two documents but they are related in that they reflect an attitude of 3 of 5 of the Commissioners which is just what has driven the Rockland County residents away from emergency planning. No language could be stronger than that in the County's resolution #320 of 1982, which it offered as testimony. Rockland County does not agree with the five points listed in FEMA's findings of July 30 insofar as they lack essentials. If you plan to go forward with those findings alone, you will have lost the cooperation from the new Committee as well as the previous structure in Rockland County.

We have had no input to the final findings. FEMA has not chosen to accept the many suggestions we have repeatedly put to them. The "mission statements" in the plan for Rockland County are confusing according to the testimony of Donald McGuire. The monitoring for possible radiation outfall is sorely lacking with no remedy in sight according to testimony of James McGuire of the Health Department. He does not want to wait for New York State monitors to arrive at the site, and he does not depend on the licensees for impartial monitoring. We are lucky to have so knowledgeable an official. Which can be said of all those who have testified thus far. You cannot make the Chiefs of Police believe you when it is they who

know the roads and intersections of Rockland County. Offering a plan which requires them to set up barriers is not practical. They say they haven't the vehicles to transport the few barriers they have and that people will only push them aside. Barriers need to be monitored and there is not sufficient personnel.

There are many, many examples where the plans have appeared to be impractical and although corrections have been suggested they have not been implemented. Nor is there anywhere near the money available.

The present derailing of the hearings, untimely as it is, has fueled the fires of discontent with the stewardship of the NRC Commission. We lost trust in ConEd since the many accidents and reports of them; we need an agency which will regulate and which will safeguard our lives and homes. We see instead, an agency which appears to be championing nuclear power at our expense and not assuring us of its ability to fulfill its stated purpose.

Additionally we see a vote of 3-2 which makes the whole disarray you have now offered us as a matter of one person's vote.

Because of the above and other examples too numerous to mention, thousands of people in parks with no shelter, children being sent off without parents, etc., your confidence rating is exceedingly low. Therefore, no amount of risk studies will impress the people who live within the 10 mile EPZ, or surrounding it. You appear to fail to comprehend the public's disbelief. The Memorandum would require a volume in reply. We were in the EOC on March 3, it was superbly orderly. Whoever informs you otherwise is hereby challenged to provide chapter and verse or to permit us to confront the persons making any other charges.

To say that we had any opportunity at the post-exercise meeting of March 6 is not correct. No one was allowed to ask questions or speak. We listened to reports from FEMA, the NRC and the State. Period. Taping is common.

It would be beneficial if the Commissioners would visit Rockland and provide us with an opportunity to tell them first hand directly from the people and Rockland officials responsible for implementing the plans, the facts that are offered in their testimony.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary