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*In your information,  
R. O. Ripper*



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Atomic Energy Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

*James L. Howard*

I would like to register a protest against the granting of a license to Jersey Central Power & Light to begin operation of the nuclear generating plant in Oyster Creek in Ocean County.

All of us living in the shore area and attempting to use its waters either for recreation or for commercial purposes are well aware of the excessive pollution in the shallow estuaries emptying into Barnegat Bay. We are, also, inevitably aware of the effect of heated water on the growth of algae and plankton which are detrimental to human beings and deadly to fish. Since the death of fish in Barnegat Bay inevitably affects the fish catch in surrounding areas and the further pollution of the Bay waters, likewise, inevitably affects the quality of the waters in surrounding areas, I feel that much more information and public discussion outside the political boundaries of Ocean County should be provided before the license is granted. I also feel that further study of the effects of an ocean outfall into more active, deeper waters should be made and, at least, an alternative between use of the ocean and use of the shallow estuary should be offered by the company.

There can be little question that once damage is done in Oyster Creek, its effects may well be irreversible and to permit the plant to operate under present conditions is to permit the chance of far too costly experimenting.

I hope you will not grant this license at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. O. Ripper

cc - Senator Case  
Williams  
Rep. Howard

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