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Dear Sir;

I am writing as a very concerned citizen about the events surrounding the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant in Forked River, New Jersey.

We live and work in the area of the power plant and for years have heard all the quick, pat answers on the part of the Jersey Central Power and Light Company telling the community how safe these plants are, and how they were not releasing any radioactive wastes into the bay etc.

In Dec. there was an emergency shut down due to human error and as a result there are some 150,000 gallons of radioactive, chromated water in the basement of the power plant. This incident was not announced until three weeks after it occurred. There have also been repeated fish kills in Oyster Creek, which still have not been fully explained.

The Environmental Protection Agency has done tests on Barnegat Bay and they say that radioactive elements are significantly increased and they also claim the power plant is dumping 30,000 gallons of radioactive water per year into the bay. The power company denies this of course.

We are very upset by the lies and misinformation on the part of the JCP&L Co. The facts always seem to be overshadowed by extremes on either side. I don't buy the theory that the plant will explode anymore than I buy the power companies speech that they're perfectly safe and not to worry. The A.E.C. and the power companies are selling a product and it seems that they will do anything to keep that product on the market. The only problem is this product could have very diverse effects on the surrounding communities. Are the peoples health and our bay and ocean waters expendable in the name of progress?

With all of these problems the JCP&L wants to build a second plant on the same site. The AEC states that the sites are chosen because of low population density. Ocean County is the fastest growing county in the state. Also our summer populations are growing extreme and should be considered.

I would like to see Oyster Creek shut down until all safety problems are corrected and it can operate without thermal pollution and without any radioactive discharges into our air and water. When the JCP&L can accomplish that then they can say they are operating a safe power plant, not before.

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Sincerely,

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