

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 4, 1983

Hon. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

I am writing in regard to the NRC's consideration of the Long Island Lighting Company's license application for their newly constructed nuclear plant at Shoreham, New York.

Very simply, I am asking that all future public hearings in the matter be conducted on Long Island, preferably in Suffolk County where the plant is located.

Residents who wish to participate in these proceedings should not have to travel out-of-state or into New York City. Your consideration will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Mrazek

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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR MARIO M. CUOMO

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE PETER COHALAN AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A WORKABLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN CANNOT BE DEVELOPED FOR SHOREHAM.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF MY SENIOR STAFF AND OFFICIALS OF THE STATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION, I AM DIRECTING THE COMMISSION TO REFRAIN FROM FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON ANY PROPOSED OFF-SITE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED SHOREHAM POWER PLANT.

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT BEFORE A LICENSE TO OPERATE A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CAN BE ISSUED, AN ACCEPTABLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN MUST BE IN PLACE. IN ORDER FOR AN OFF-SITE EVACUATION PLAN TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IT MUST BE BOTH ADEQUATE AND IMPLEMENTABLE. THE PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ESSENTIAL IF A WORKABLE PLAN IS TO BE DEVELOPED.

I HAVE STATED THAT I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE OPENING OF ANY NEW NUCLEAR PLANT FOR WHICH AN ACCEPTABLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN DOES NOT EXIST. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE ULTIMATE DETERMINATION OF ACCEPTABILITY RESTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I STAND BY MY PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.

AS GOVERNOR, I WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY EFFORT TO IMPOSE AN INDEPENDENTLY DEVELOPED STATE PLAN UPON SUFFOLK COUNTY.

THE STATE STANDS READY AND WILLING TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE WITH BOTH SUFFOLK COUNTY AND THE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY TO DEVELOP AN ADEQUATE AND IMPLEMENTABLE EVACUATION PLAN FOR SHOREHAM.