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Hon. Nunzio Palladino  
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Dear Dr. Palladino:

On December 19, 1984, the Long Island newspaper, **NEWSDAY**, reported that Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO or Company) had begun to load fuel into the Shoreham reactor core. LILCO declined to comment as to the accuracy of this report.

This information was confirmed as a result of telephone conversations between my staff and NRC personnel at your regional office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gene Kelly, Project Engineer, explained that LILCO had installed neutron sources earlier this week and had today placed fuel load chambers within the reactor. We were further advised that the Company may begin to load fuel into the reactor itself tonight.

The Consumer Protection Board (CPB or Board) contends that it is the Company's responsibility to advise the residents of Long Island, on a regular basis, of the status of fuel loading. We fail to understand the basis for LILCO's apparent refusal to provide this necessary information to the public.

This Company policy should be of concern to the NRC. LILCO is currently seeking NRC approval of its proposal to implement a Shoreham evacuation plan for Long Island. If LILCO will not provide basic information regarding the status of fuel loading to the residents of Long Island, one cannot expect Long Islanders to have any confidence in the Company's ability to instill the necessary level of trust and cooperation to assure the safe evacuation of Long Island in the event of an accident.

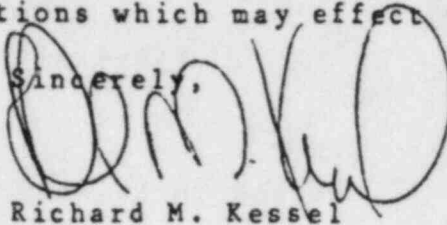


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The CPE requests that you immediately order LILCO to provide, on a regular basis, full and accurate disclosure regarding the status of fuel loading and low-power testing. Long Island residents are entitled to all pertinent information related to any Shoreham operations which may effect them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Kessel', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Richard M. Kessel

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