

Long Island Coalition For Safe Living

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Morton B. Margulies, Chairman
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
4350 East-West Highway
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Dear Mr. Margulies,

As citizens living on Long Island, and in particular, Nassau County, we are deeply concerned about the health hazards that threaten our own and our children's future. For example, our drinking water is contaminated and we are exposed to contamination from hundreds of toxic waste dumps on the Island. Nassau County has one of the highest cancer rates in the entire country. We are living on the brink of major environmental catastrophe which will affect a population of well over one million, three hundred thousand in Nassau and over two million, six hundred thousand in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

One of our major health concerns is the potential for massive radioactive contamination on Long Island in the event of a radiological accident at the Shoreham nuclear power plant. The potential for such an accident is so great, we believe, that all efforts to open the plant must be stopped until the safety of every Long Island resident can be absolutely guaranteed. We know of the growing number of cancer deaths and illnesses affecting the people around the Three Mile Island nuclear power station since the radiological accident in 1979. The use of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in LILCO's evacuation plan endangers our safety by allowing the possibility of an accident at the Shoreham plant to happen and to affect us in the following ways:

1. We will be victims of radiological poisoning just as the Three Mile Island residents are
2. We will be affected by the influx of an estimated half a million people fleeing

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Supporting Groups in Progress:

Long Island Rate Payers Association
Long Island Coalition for Safe Living
People's Action Coalition
Safe Energy Alliance of Long Island
Peace Smith House

Long Island Progressive Coalition
Long Island Citizens in Action
Nurses Environmental Health Watch
Mother's Alliance for Peace
N Y Community Action Network

North Shore Coalition for Safe Energy
Women Opposed to the Nuclear Threat
Concerned Mothers of Nassau
L.I. Network for Peace & Justice
(in progress...)