

March 30, 1988

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Mr. Eugene Lessard
Holly Tree Lane
South Jamesport, NY 11947

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The NRC staff intends to proceed with the Shoreham licensing process using the revised rule. Although this licensing process may appear to be burdensome, it is important because each step of this check-and-balance process exists to ensure that members of the public with a safety concern have a forum in which their concerns will receive appropriate attention and consideration. The NRC staff currently projects that the licensing process for Shoreham can be completed by the spring of 1989, at which time the NRC staff will forward its findings and recommendations to the NRC Commissioners. This assumes timely resolution of the remaining emergency planning issues within the framework of the NRC's revised rule on emergency planning. The NRC Commissioners will ultimately decide whether the Shoreham plant poses an undue risk to the public health or safety.

Thank you for your interest and for taking the time to share your views regarding the Shoreham station.

Sincerely,

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/s/

Steven A. Varga, Director
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Steven A. Varga, Director
Division of Reactor Projects I/II

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February 10, 1988

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed are copies of two letters, one is a letter I wrote to Joe Janoski, Supervisor for the Town of Riverhead (also Policy Commissioner).

The other is the reply I received from Supervisor Janoski.

As you can see from Supervisor Janoski's reply, he would indeed respond to any emergency at the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, as I'm sure others would. I also asked members of the Local Fire Departments what they would do in case of a Shoreham emergency. I was told that if Wading River Fire Department (near Shoreham) responded, all Fire Departments would, because of a mutual aid agreement they have.

I happen to know that all Fire Departments have trained Fire Police who are authorized by law to direct traffic and evacuate people from threatened areas. What more do we need?

I hope this will be helpful in resolving the Shoreham licensing issue. I find it difficult to understand why Shoreham is sitting idle when we have to use our armed forces in the Persian Gulf to keep oil flowing to our oil fired generating plants.

The Anti-Nuclear Activists have already bankrupted one of this country's finest utilities, in New Hampshire. Can America afford to close the nuclear option? Is Shoreham's fate going to be the same? We sure hope not.

I like to believe that you understand we cannot generate electricity with Governor Cuomo's hot air and promises of a utopian supply of cheap power from some foreign country, someday. (i.e., Canada)

We will be patiently looking in our mail box for your reply, so we on Long Island will know what your intentions are.

Sincerely,

Eugene Lessard

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South Jamesport
New York 11947

December 17, 1987

Riverhead Town Board
Honorable Joseph Janoski
200 Howell Avenue
Riverhead, N. Y., 11901

Honorable Janoski:

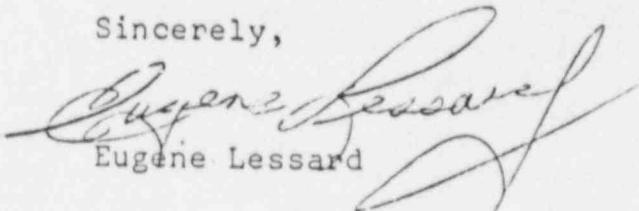
I am writing this letter so my family and I may know your view on a matter very important to us and all of the residents of Riverhead Town.

We read with interest Newsday's Article on Riverhead's Disaster Plan. The article states that the Plan will cover hurricanes, plane crashes, chemical spills, etc. The one item that poses the largest potential for a disaster in Riverhead Town was not mentioned, the Shoreham Nuclear Plant. Was this an oversight by the Newsday reporter? We hope so. We also hope the Town Board is not going to make believe that Shoreham does not exist. Shoreham is there and running at low power, believe me, I looked! Regardless of what Gov. Cuomo, Legislators Blass and Prospect say, all decisions made at the Federal level indicate that Shoreham will soon be operating at full power.

We would like to know what you will do in case of an accident at Shoreham? What should we do? Will there be information in Riverhead's Disaster Plan for residents to use in case of an accident at Shoreham? If not, why not? If Riverhead doesn't plan for a possible accident at Shoreham, whose Disaster Plan will you use?

My family and I will be waiting for your reply so we may know what action to take in case of an accident at Shoreham.

Sincerely,


Eugene Lessard



JOSEPH F. JANOSKI, SUPERVISOR

TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

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February 3, 1988

Mr. Eugene Lessard
Holly Tree Lane
South Jamesport, NY 11947

Dear Mr. Lessard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning emergency planning in the Shoreham nuclear power situation.

Newsday was not incorrect in stating that the plan presently being developed would not address the question of a nuclear accident. This issue was purposefully omitted by the Riverhead Town Board. I will leave to your judgement the conclusion as to whether this is irresponsible.

Suffice it to say, and you may recall, that several years ago I had pointed to the lack of knowledge, preparation or equipment for emergency personnel of Riverhead Town with regard to the potential for an accident at Shoreham. I raised this question because in any emergency the responsibility for action devolves squarely upon the shoulders of the Town Supervisor. I did not raise this question as part of a pro-Shoreham stance but only in recognition of my responsibility to protect the property, health and safety of the people of the Town of Riverhead. As a result of my concern, I was severely criticized if not pillared in the press and by Shoreham opponents.

I can not agree with your position that Shoreham will be allowed by the Federal Government to operate at full power. In fact, information from Albany and other sources indicate that the issue of Shoreham will be resolved in the near future preventing that facility from opening. However, in the case of a nuclear accident at the Shoreham facility, I would react as I would in any other emergency and accept the responsibility to take action.

I could not, in my opinion, under law do otherwise. I would do the best I could with whatever willing personnel was available to meet my obligation to the people of the Town of Riverhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Joseph F. Janoski". Below the signature, the name "JOSEPH F. JANOSKI" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

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