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Admiral Lando W. Zech, Jr., Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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Dear Chairman Zech:

You may be aware that in the past, under other leadership, the NRC has shown itself remarkably indifferent to the public good. At least in the case of LILCO's proposed Shoreham nuclear power plant, NRC has either changed or discarded whichever of its rules and procedures didn't seem to fit the utility's interest. NRC judges who ruled against LILCO on back-up generator problems were replaced. Hearings were expedited unfairly and material pertinent to the state's and county's case was ruled out. Succeeding judges were replaced after listening to sentiment at public hearings that almost unanimously opposed the plant. And LILCO's sham drill purporting to carry out a locally unapproved LILCO evacuation plan -- which State courts later ruled illegal -- both questionably continue to occupy the Commission's time.

Now, of all things, your staff is presumably proposing to resolve any impasse over local approval by summarily discarding the requirement for it. I hope under your leadership NRC will withstand this unfair and dangerous idea. As you must also be aware, NRC adopted local approval of an evacuation plan as a necessity after the Three Mile Island accident had shaken the complacency of the nuclear community. Since TMI that same community has been rocked by Chernobyl.

It would hardly seem as fitting to relax the stringencies of nuclear control as to redouble them, and I urge you to consider your very grave responsibilities in this to the public, the governors of the states, and the Congress.

There's too much at stake.

Sincerely,
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