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Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I urge you not to allow the licensing of nuclear power plants in the absence of state- and locally-approved evacuation plans.

I read in The New York Times (2/27/87) that the NRC is working on a bill to allow plants to begin operation without local cooperation. The article suggested that there is or will be a 60-day response period. I would like to register my oppostion to this bill.

I understand that the circumvention of required state and local cooperation would be based on the assumption that these groups would participate in the event of a real emergency. It sounds like the NRC and power companies are trying to out-maneuver stubborn children. The authorities and residents around Shoreham and Seabrook are not willful children. They are concerned adults. Most who have refused to participate have done so because they believe that no safe evacuation is possible. In view of the geography and demography of Long Island and the coastal area north of Boston, this is no idle concern. Please listen to the citizens who are affected by these power plants. The majority have expressed their legitimate fear and have stated that they do not want the plants to operate.

Again, please don't soften the regulatory process. And if you are having a 60-day response period, make it valid by informing people of it. You need more coverage than an ambiguously-worded spot in the 4th section of the Times.

Sincerely yours,

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