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Chairman Dale E. Klein, Ph.D. U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Chairman Klein:

The Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (Oyster Creek) application for a license extension to operate 20 years beyond its current license expiration date of April 9, 2009 has generated serious issues of concern from both the State of New Jersey and members of the public. On February 10, 2006, I wrote to former Chairman Diaz requesting an independent assessment be performed as part of the license renewal process for Oyster Creek. Dr. Diaz explained that it was the role of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), established by Congress in 1957, to provide analyses of safety standards and facility license applications, to conduct an independent review of the Oyster Creek license renewal application and the NRC staff's safety evaluation report, and to make a recommendation to the Commission. The ACRS fully complies with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which means, in part, that all ACRS meetings on Oyster Creek's license renewal application are public. However, it may be difficult for the public to travel to Rockville, Maryland to attend these meetings.

I would like to invite the ACRS to come to New Jersey to hold its public meeting for which its members will be formulating their recommendation to the Commission on Oyster Creek's relicensing. This would facilitate public attendance and also afford the members of the ACRS an opportunity, should they wish to do so, to tour the Oyster Creek facility prior to making their recommendation to the Commission. Four members of my cabinet and I were able to visit Oyster Creek on December 20, 2006. I believe that the ACRS members should tour the facility before they make their formal recommendation.

If you need additional information, please contact Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner of Environmental Protection who serves as New Jersey's state liaison officer with the NRC. She can be reached at (609) 292-2885.

Sincerely,

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