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Honorable Mark N. Mauriello, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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**RE: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – TRITIUM – ADDITIONAL REQUEST
REGARDING BRIEFING**

Transmitted via facsimile to 609-292-7695

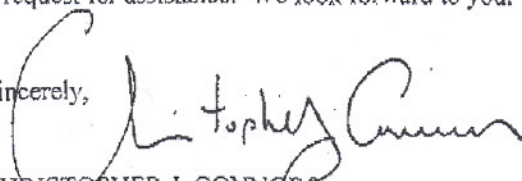
Dear Commissioner Mauriello:

On April 21 our Delegation wrote to you requesting a report and/or briefing regarding the discovery of tritium in a cable vault at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Facility, as soon as your Department's investigation is completed. Since that time, new information has surfaced that our Delegation would like examined as part of any investigation that is conducted and included in the requesting briefing.

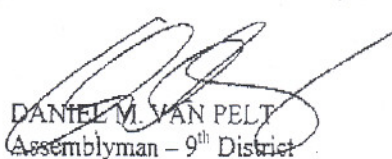
As you are fully aware, various media outlets in late April reported that tritium contamination was discovered in a concrete vault near the Facility's turbine. This incident led to our first communication to your Department. A little more than week later there were reports that radioactive tritium has contaminated four monitoring wells at the Facility. For the purpose of addressing inquiries directed to our office by concerned residents, we would like to know why the tritium was discovered in the concrete vault before the monitoring wells. Furthermore, it is our understanding that following the confirmation of the positive results from the existing wells, more testing wells had to be dug to further define both the source and extent of the leak. Moreover, from following media accounts, it appears that the level of tritium discovered in the ground water monitoring wells may be at levels substantially higher than those initially discovered in the pipe vaults. We are concerned that this may suggest that the initial testing wells may have been insufficient to effectively detect a leak. Accordingly, this is an issue we would like the Department to examine.

Again, thank you for your attention to this request for assistance. We look forward to your Department's report.

Sincerely,


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