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As part of its application for a construction permit and operating license for Limerick Generating Station, PECO Energy Company (PECO) was required to submit a Final Safety Analysis Report which contained, in part, an analysis of the effects of the environment on the plant including those from nearby industrial facilities and transportation. Additionally, PECO must continue to ensure that its bases and conclusions as presented in the Final Safety Analysis Report, that form part of the basis for the operating licenses, remain valid. Therefore, PECO must ensure that the Limerick Generating Station is adequately protected and can be operated with an acceptable degree of safety with respect to the activities at the gas-fired power plant, if it were to be constructed.

Environmental protection issues regarding the storage of ammonia and the impact of toxins that might be emitted from the operation of the proposed gas-fired power plant are within the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality. By copy of this letter, your concern has been forwarded to that State agency. Furthermore, the NRC has no authority to deal with the issues you raise concerning the Board of Supervisors.

I hope that this information is useful to you in dealing with your concerns about the proposed construction and operation of the gas-fired power plant near the Limerick facility.

Sincerely,

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