

April 11, 2000

The Honorable Judd Gregg  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gregg:

This is in response to your letter to former Chairman Shirley Jackson of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated March 13, 2000, concerning correspondence you received from your constituent, Henry F. Bedford of New Castle, New Hampshire, dated January 18, 2000. In that letter, Mr. Bedford expressed his disappointment with the Commission's response to his letter of December 6, 1999.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission regrets any dissatisfaction that Mr. Bedford may have experienced in connection with his correspondence to the Commission. Those concerns appear to have resulted from some confusion, which has since been rectified. Mr. Bedford's letter of December 6, 1999, concerned the Commission's hearing process. The Commission responded to that letter in a letter from Joseph R. Gray, Associate General Counsel for Licensing and Regulation, dated January 27, 2000. In writing to you, Mr. Bedford apparently believed that a previous letter from the Commission, dated December 14, 1999, had been written in response to his letter of December 6, and he expressed disappointment that the December 14 letter did not address his concerns; similar concerns were set forth in a letter from Mr. Bedford to the Commission dated December 23, 1999. In fact, the Commission's letter of December 14 was written in response to an earlier letter by Mr. Bedford, concerning enforcement actions at the Seabrook nuclear plant, and was not intended to address his letter of December 6, 1999. This matter was clarified in a letter to Mr. Bedford from R. W. Borchardt, Director of the Office of Enforcement, dated January 27, 2000. Accordingly, the Commission believes that Mr. Bedford's concerns have now been addressed.

Copies of the correspondence referred to herein are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

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