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NRC PREHEARING CONFERENCE ON SEABROOK REMANDED ISSUES  
SET FOR JANUARY 23

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference January 23 in Bethesda, MD, to resolve remanded issues relating to the evacuation and care of children in schools and day-care centers within the Massachusetts portion of the Seabrook nuclear station's emergency planning zone in the event of a radiological emergency.

The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the NRC hearing room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East West Highway.

The issues remanded by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board decision of September 18, 1990, relate to 1) whether there is reasonable assurance that a sufficient number of teachers and day-care center personnel would be available to escort the children to the designated School Host Facility at Holy Cross College and remain with them until relieved of that assignment; and 2) if such reasonable assurance does not exist, have the applicants made satisfactory alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of the children both on the bus trip to Holy Cross College and during their stay at the college.

The Licensing Board also will discuss procedures for addressing a remanded issue dealing with the adequacy of criteria for formulating certain predetermined protective action recommendations under the Seabrook plan for Massachusetts communities.

The purpose of the prehearing conference is to provide further identification and simplification of the remanded issues and a schedule for disposition. In addition, the Licensing Board has requested the parties to the

proceeding to discuss with it matters related to sheltering the summertime beach population as set out in an Appeal Board directive of September 28, 1990.

Members of the Licensiny Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: Ivan W. Smith, Chairman; Dr. Richard F. Cole and Dr. Kenneth A. McCollom.