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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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May 24, 2012

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

Joe Story  
Newbury Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall, 25 High Road  
Newbury, Massachusetts 01951

Dear Mr. Story and Board Members:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of April 24, 2012, to Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko in which you request that the NRC halt the review process of the Seabrook Station license renewal application based upon knowledge of new information that concerns the public safety of the citizens and businesses of the Town of Newberry.

To the extent that your letter requests that the Commission halt the relicensing of Seabrook, the Commission cannot respond. The relicensing of the Seabrook Station, Unit 1 is the subject of a current adjudication before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. I must advise that under agency regulations, the Commission has an appellate role in proceedings commenced before its Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards. Because of that role, I trust that you will understand that the Commissioners must remain impartial during the pendency of a case, whether it is before a Licensing Board or on appeal to the Commission. I am referring your concerns to the NRC staff.

A copy of your letter and this response, as well as a response of the NRC staff, when issued, will be served on the participants in the Seabrook License Renewal proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook".

Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

cc: Seabrook Service List



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April 24, 2012

The Honorable Greg Jaczko, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Re: Seabrook Station

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

We are writing to express our deep concern for the public safety of the citizens and businesses of the Town of Newbury. Our concern is the result of the new information that has come to light about the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant through the re-licensing process. As a result of this new information, the Newbury Board of Selectmen request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take the following steps:

1. Conduct peer-reviewed engineering studies of the ability of below grade concrete structures with compromised structural concrete to withstand seismic activity and other safety requirements, and publicly report the results of these studies. If corrective actions are needed, such actions should be detailed and publicly disseminated.
2. Fully investigate the causes of the unabated groundwater infiltration and resulting concrete degradation, and develop a plan for abating groundwater infiltration at the Seabrook Station site and implement the plan as soon as possible, with frequent public communication during the planning, implementation and completion of such project.
3. Inspect and monitor the results of these corrective actions over a sustained (multiyear) period of time to ensure that corrective measures are effective.
4. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission should review Seabrook Station audit and inspection policies and procedures and develop a list of improvements that will insure that the plant infrastructure remains safe for operations now and in the future.

5. As the Seabrook Station facility ages, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission should take a more open and proactive stance in communicating to neighboring municipalities of Seabrook Station

6. Most importantly, the Newbury Board of Selectmen respectfully request that the facility re-licensing process not be completed if any short-term or long-term safety issues remain unresolved at Seabrook Station.

It is our hope that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Next Era Energy will make these areas of concern a top priority as the re-licensing process moves forward and will communicate about these issues with our board and the general public in an open and transparent manner. More open and transparent lines of communication can only increase confidence in Seabrook Station policies, procedures and plant safety.

Sincerely,

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James M. ...

Stephen Walker

William ...

David C. Martin

Paul ...

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of )

NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK, LLC )  
(Seabrook Station, Unit 1) )

(License Renewal) )

DOCKET NO. 50-443-LR

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO JOE STORY, NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN RESPONSE TO HIS APRIL 24, 2012, LETTER**, have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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