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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

We note your interest in our ongoing deliberations relative to the Seabrook Station, as evidenced by your letter of February 26, 1987 to Mr. David A. Ward, ACRS.

Section 182b of the Atomic Energy Act requires the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to "review each application ... for ... an operating license for a facility...." The Committee issued a report, dated April 19, 1983, with respect to the proposal to operate the Seabrook Station; a copy of that report is attached. In the report, we indicated that there were some open issues, and we noted the absence of a fully developed emergency plan. Because the Committee reported a satisfactory conclusion only with respect to operation of the plant at power levels at or below 5 percent of full power, our review of the Seabrook Station operating license is not complete.

We have begun a review of matters associated with emergency planning for the Seabrook Station. When we have completed our work, and fulfilled our obligation to provide sound and dispassionate advice to the Commission, that advice will be publicly available, as will the listing of inputs that contributed to it. We will provide you with a copy of our report at that time.

Sincerely,

William Kerr  
Chairman

Attachment:

Letter from J.C. Ebersole, Acting Chairman, ACRS, to  
N.J. Palladino, Chairman, NRC, dated April 19, 1983

cc: Honorable Philip R. Sharp, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

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