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The Honorable Sherwood Boehlert
Member, United States
House of Representatives
District Office, Room 200
Alexander Pirnie Federal Building
10 Broad Street
Utica, New York 13501

Dear Congressman Boehlert:

This is in response to your letter to Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, concerning the September 15, 1986, letter you received from your constituent, Ms. Roberta Ziegler (Enclosure 1).

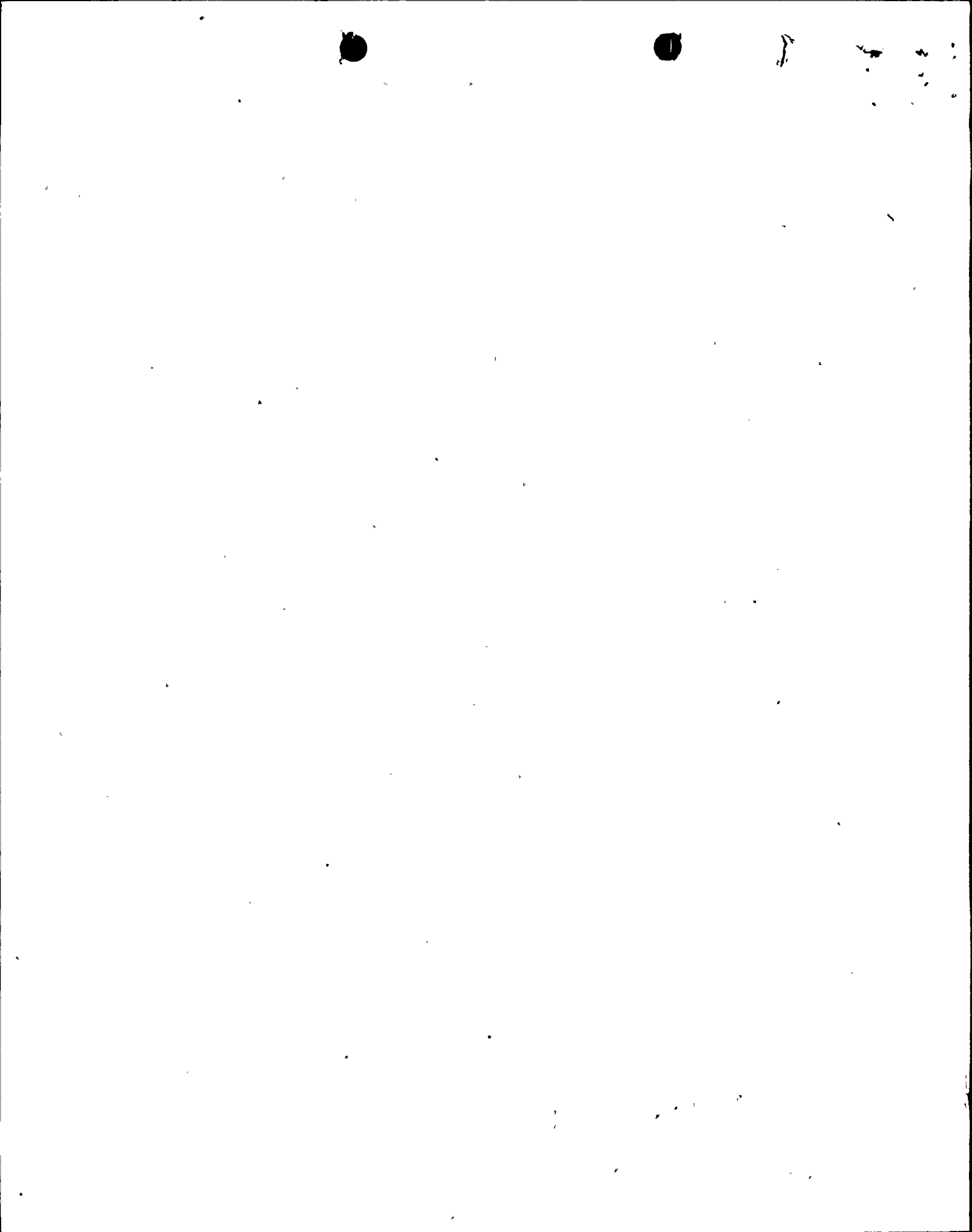
In response to Ms. Ziegler's questions, please advise her that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is responsible for reviewing applications for licenses for nuclear power plants and for overseeing the safety and operation of these plants. Regarding Ms. Ziegler's concern that this agency be above "the influence of big money", the NRC is an independent agency which makes its determination based on the requirements of Federal laws and regulations.

Ms. Ziegler also requested a map or a list of all nuclear power sites. Enclosed (Enclosure 2) is a copy of NUREG-0871, Vol. 4, No. 1, "Summary Information Report". This document contains a list of commercial nuclear power reactors and their locations.

In addition to her specific questions, Ms. Ziegler expressed concern about the safe operation of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (Nine Mile Point 2) near Oswego, New York. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) (now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)) received an application for a construction permit on March 8, 1972. Following a public hearing and a review by the AEC staff of the application submitted, a construction permit was issued for Nine Mile Point 2 on June 24, 1974.

On January 31, 1983, the NRC received the application for an operating license for Nine Mile Point 2. Since that time, the NRC has extensively reviewed the design of Nine Mile Point 2, and has inspected the facility. In addition, a full time resident inspector was assigned to the site. The NRC staff has documented the review of this plant in inspection reports, letters, meeting summaries

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and in the "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of the Nine Mile Point Station, Unit No. 2 "(NUREG-1047) and its supplements. This information is available to the public through the NRC Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the local Public Document Room at the Penfield Library, State University College, Oswego, N.Y. 13126. Through this review process, the NRC is able to establish that there is reasonable assurance that the facility can be operated by the applicant without endangering the health and safety of the public before issuing the applicant a license to operate the facility.

Ms. Ziegler also expressed a concern about faulty safety valves at Nine Mile Point 2. In the last few months two problems were identified concerning the main steam isolation valves (MSIVs). As their name suggests, these valves are used to isolate the four main steam lines in the event isolation is required. The NRC staff is presently reviewing the problems encountered with these valves and the remedies proposed by the utility. Before any exemptions to NRC regulations, as requested by the applicant, could be granted on these valves, the staff must determine that the exemption would not jeopardize the health and safety of the public. The results of the NRC staff's review of these valves will be available to the public through the NRC document rooms discussed above.

If you or Ms. Ziegler have any additional concerns relating to Nine Mile Point 2 or any other nuclear power plant, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T.A. Rehim

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Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director
for Operations

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Ms. Roberta Ziegler dated September 15, 1986
2. Copy of NUREG-0871 "Summary Information Report"

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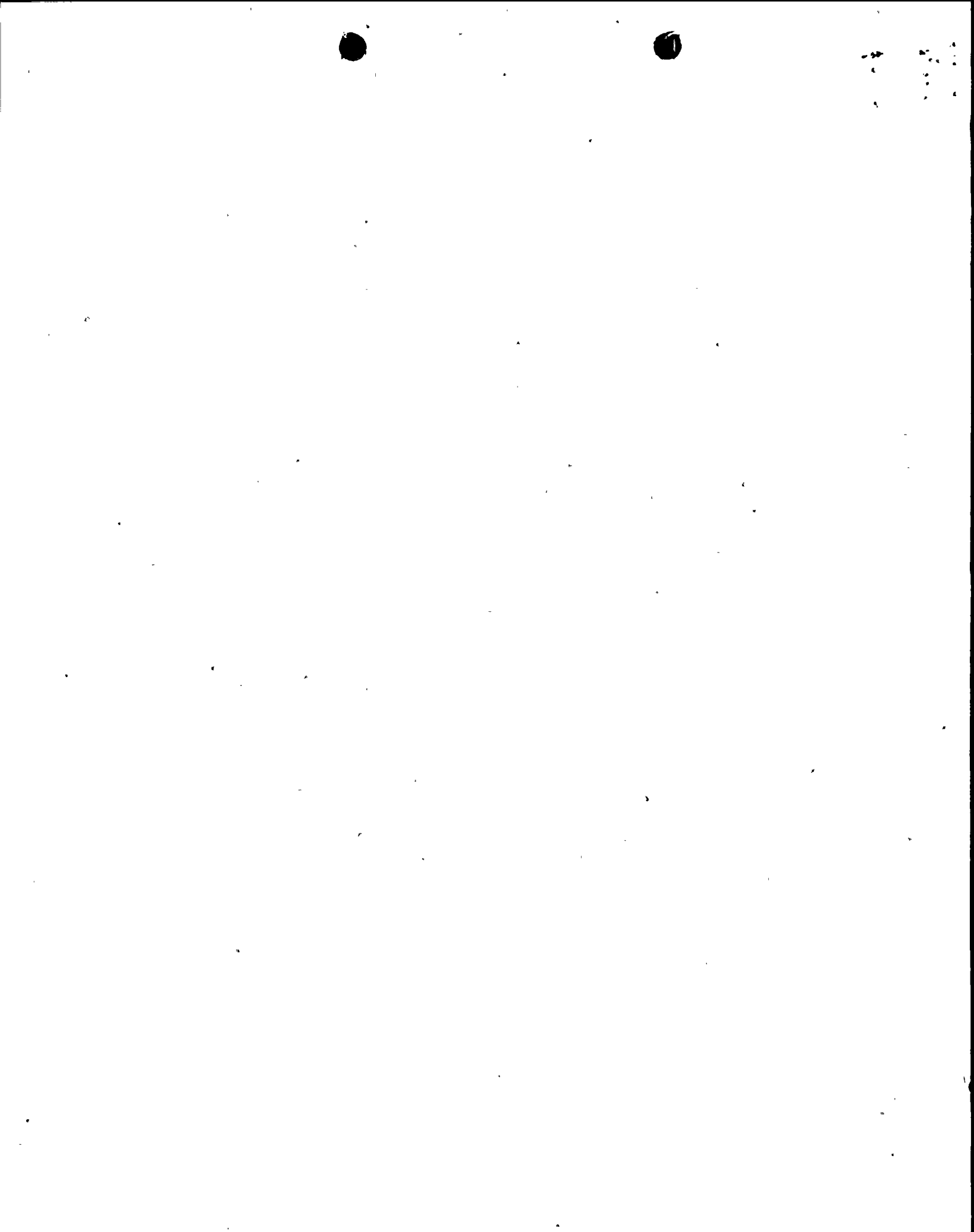
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Congressman Boehlent
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Dear Congressman Boehlent:

I have become increasingly concerned for the safety of my family after reading news releases about the Nine Mile II nuclear power plant in Oswego. If I am understanding what I read, we have in our backyard a new nuclear plant (ten years delayed already), with faulty safety valves. The cost to repair the valves and the time involved is significant and Niagara Mohawk is interested, for financial reasons, in beginning operations before the total replacement of the faulty valves is completed.

Because of the widespread holocaust created by the Chernobyl



disaster, I am very nervous that perhaps powerful special interest groups or individuals will be successful in seeing that Nine Mile II is in fact operative before it should be. I also question how something which is a decade behind schedule can ever actually be correct.

Could you kindly see that I receive a map, if one exists, or a list of all nuclear power sites in current existence in the U.S. Also, which Agency is responsible for overseeing the safety and operation of these plants and is this Agency above the influence of big money?

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Ziegler



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