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The Honorable Richard S. Schweiker United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Schweiker:

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In your letter of July 3, 1980, you requested that NRC comment on a letter written by one of your constituents, Ms. Kathie Spallone. Her letter addressed the potential impact of a dam failure of the Pond Hill Reservoir which Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PP&L) is considering for future construction. Her letter refers to the NRC draft statement which is documented in NUREG-0564.

The purpose of the NRC draft statement is to evaluate the potential environmental impact of the reservoir and to encourage a discussion by PP&L and other interested parties. The draft statement should not be interpreted as a final statement.

The NRC draft statement has been reviewed by PP&L. On May 29, 1980, PP&L sent the following response to the NRC, "We (PP&L) are currently reviewing the design concept for the spillway and will consider the NRC's comments in this review. As design approval for the project will rest with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, the design will meet their criteria. We (PP&L) will inform the NRC of any revisions to the spillway concept."

The Pond Hill Reservoir and its dam are being constructed because the Susquehanna River Basin Commission requires that water consumption be compensated by users during periods of low river flow. The reservoir is not needed for the safe operation or shutdown of the nuclear power plant. The NRC is, therefore, not reviewing the safety of the dam but rather the potential environmental impact of the construction and operation of the dam.

The NRC will complete its environmental impact review and document the results in the Final Environmental Statement scheduled for completion December 1980. For additional information regarding the dam design criteria and dam safety, we suggest that you contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, P. O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

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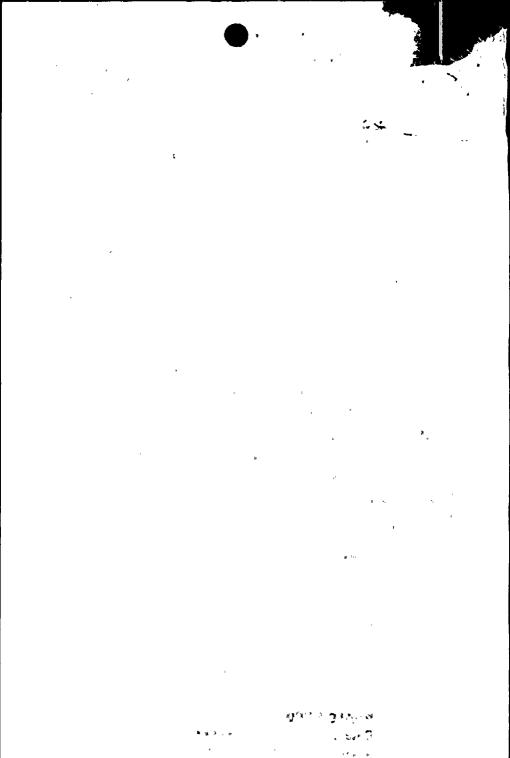
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 3, 1980

TO: Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20555

FROM: Richard S. Schweiker 27 United States Senator

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

PLEASE TRY TO RESPOND WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST. YOUR FINDINGS AND VIEWS, IN DUPLICATE, ALONG WITH RETURN OF THIS MEMO PLUS ENCLOSURE, WILL BE

Many thanks.

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559 James St. Harleton, Pa. 18201 June 19, 1980 U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 1850 JUL 25 KI II: 35 Dear Senator Schweiker, I am writing about the Pond Hill Reservoirs which PP+L intends to bild. From NULEG-0564, Supplement NO. 1, (4-11), I quote: " Applying NRC criteria to this dam would raise the calculated maximum water level in the reservoirs, to the estent that overtopping would be expected If the dam were to be overtopped, staff believes that the dam could fail The potential exists to trap and drown persons and wildlife I was unable to comment during the alloted time since they did not send me The supplement until nearly 6 weeks after I first requested it. What steps have you taken to protect us from this dam which even the NRC believes would be unsafe? Mrs. Lathie Apallone Sincerely!

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