

April 18, 1988

Judge B. Paul Cotter, Jr., Chairman  
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: St. Lucie I, Docket 50-335  
St. Lucie II, Docket 50-389  
Spent Fuel Pool Hearing

Dear Judge Cotter:

Thank you for your courtesy and fairness in chairing the hearing in St. Lucie County on March 29, 1988.

1. As a member of nuclear study committees of three local organizations that either opposed or questioned the wisdom of siting nuclear plants on a barrier island, I was aware of the provision in the conditions for operating St. Lucie I & II that the spent fuel pool should have, at all times, capacity to contain at least one plant's total fuel package. This requirement was needed, we were told, to cover the possibility of an LOC or other problem that would make removal necessary. Therefore, I am concerned that a closer racking of the spent fuel would not allow for that capacity.

2. I have been trying for several years to obtain updates on the unresolved items listed in the Safety Evaluations of the two local plants, having several times requested copies of any amendments to the November 1974 Evaluations. Can you help with this? The latest emergency plan in the Indian River Community College library public records section is dated 1981.

3. The state of Florida has, as you may know, a regional planning council covering Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. At its meeting last Friday morning, April 15, the Palm Beach county Director of Emergency Planning presented an updated plan for their county. The Council requested that it be re-worked in order to make its emergency egress routes fit with the roads and plans of Martin county. It was pointed out, also, that St. Lucie County has no viable route for moving residents of south Hutchinson Island off the island in case of a nuclear situation needing such evacuation. Did you see the Jensen causeway ending in two lane Indian River Drive that St. Lucie citizens would have to use?

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At a Department of Transportation/Treasure Coast planners and engineers workshop that afternoon, Dan Cary, Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, asked the DOT representative about capacity of roads near the plant for evacuation. He replied that there are no funds for emergency evacuation for hurricane or nuclear accident but that the problem should certainly be addressed. Need for another bridge from the island has been acknowledged for twenty years. Meanwhile, I strongly feel that only conservative changes in procedures or facilities at the plant that would surely decrease chances for the need of evacuation should be considered and permitted. {Mr. Cary's phone number is (407) 286-3313.}

I hope that you will call for a hearing on these points and those raised by Mr. Rich.

Sincerely,

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