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27 January, 1987

Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
ATTN: SEABROOK Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Authority

Gentlemen;

I am writing to express my opinions and concerns regarding the pending licensing of the SEABROOK Nuclear Power Plant, and the related issue of reducing the emergency evacuation zone to one mile from the present ten miles.

Let me state, first, that I am in favor of the licensing of the SEABROOK plant, so long as it has complied with the best possible design and construction techniques, as determined by a knowledgeable, independent agency (such as yours). I do not believe that we, as a nation, are incapable of practicing the technology required to safely and effectively control nuclear power for our mutual long term benefits, as is implicit in the arguments of opponents of that technology. To be sure, there are (and always will be) problems related to the use of any technology (witness Acid Rain caused by the burning of coal); however, one must weigh the potential for harm with the potential for good. In the case of SEABROOK, the proposed alternative of reduced energy consumption also requires that we achieve those reductions without injuring our economic growth and quality of life. Although some individuals may be willing to forgo our modern conveniences and necessities for a more primitive lifestyle, I feel that the majority of citizens do not appreciate the significance of lower availability of electric power. The other often cited alternative, Canadian Hydropower, is viable only so long as its availability and cost can be guaranteed for future as well as present generations of New Englanders. It is incumbent on your organization to consider, carefully, all these alternatives before rendering your decision.

My real reason for writing, however, is my concern over the 1 mile/10 mile evacuation zone controversy. If one were to err here, I feel that he should err on the conservative side, and should, unless strong evidence exists to the contrary, retain the 10 mile zone. The real issue is not, however, the size of the evacuation zone, but the veto power which the 10 mile zone has afforded our own Governor Dukakis of Massachusetts. By his refusal to submit evacuation plans for Massachusetts towns within that zone, he has made evacuation planning into a political lever being used to arbitrarily force cancellation of the SEABROOK plant's opening. I cannot express strongly enough my opinion that good planning and common sense not be usurped by this overt political ploy. I ask that your committee carefully separate the technical issues from the political. Perhaps the evacuation planning regulations might be modified to allow the SEABROOK operating authorities to prepare their own evacuation plans (for independent review and approval) since the affected towns and states refuse to submit plans of their own. Such a regulation change will not be received well by those who hope to hold SEABROOK hostage to evacuation planning, but it would serve notice that the NRC fully intends to deal squarely with the issue based upon scientific and technological fact, and not political whim.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to air my view on this matter.

Very truly yours

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