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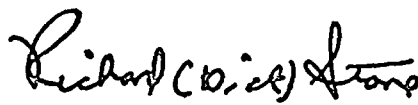
United States Senate

June 9, 1977

Respectfully referred to:

Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by



Richard (Dick) Stone
United States Senator

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Senator Richard Stone
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Dear Senator Stone:

Thank you for your show of interest in your letter dd. April 26 to Mr. E.S. Prime, who is also a CURE Director.

We received a short reply from the NRC, stating that the mission of the NRC is to assure that if nuclear energy is used in private industry, the public is protected... This didn't do much to alleviate the anxiety of our roughly 200 members.

Since then, a malfunctioning valve in the coolant system of the plant necessitated another shutdown. Although FPL had said the 4000 gal of primary coolant spill (April 5) would be processed in the plant or allowed to sit for 3 to 6 weeks to permit radioactive decay, it was discharged on the 9th day when the water valve caused overheating and the next plant shutdown. A glance at the enclosed performance record of St. Lucie I will show some of the reasons for our communication.

Our concern is heightened by the fact that the NRC Board has recently decided that the cash investment makes it advisable to proceed with another plant, even though no other actual sites were considered beforehand. Furthermore, evacuation planning in Florida in case of nuclear accident or war is almost nonexistent and Civil Defense in Florida is acutely concerned.

We urge you to use your influence to achieve better evacuation plans for our State and to delay the creation of new nuclear plants until all its extraordinary problems of performance, waste storage, insurance and evacuation plans have been resolved.

Just received the news that St. Lucie I is DOWN again.... this time for a malfunction in the Generator. It would seem to me that SOMEBODY ought to make sure FPL claims that in the first 4 months of operation St. Lucie I saved more than 26 million in fuel costs.... I can't help but wonder how much was spent on repairs and ordered modifications....

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

