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Kristine L. Svinicki, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Svinicki:

Enclosed is copy of a letter to former Gov. Lynch, in Concord, N.H., dated 3/21/11, signed by 48 members of the faculty and staff of Seabrook Middle School, Seabrook, N.H.

Copies of this letter were sent to N.H. Office of Emergency Management, and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Since a N.H. Superior Court ruled, in 1987, that teachers could not be "conscripted" to go to "reception" centers with school children, it was "corrected" by a semantic change in the "Plan" to show "school officials" as the designated caregivers.

For the NRC/FEMA to continue to say "no one has ever expressed concern" about the lack of a workable evacuation plan, as you can see, is a despicable lie.

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It cites the fact that 97% of 5% teachers working within the EPZ were surveyed and "declared that they are unavailable to serve in this capacity".

How can the NR/C/FEPA in their roles of "regulating" this industry, and protecting the public, continue to treat our children in such a cavalier/disdainful manner?

Stephen Conley, We The People, has been told by students, and school officials/teachers in Massachusetts that, not only is there no one to take care of the students, but no attempt is made for any sort of "drill" in case Seabrook goes down in an accident.

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Dear Governor Lynch,

We, the undersigned members of the faculty and staff of Seabrook Middle School in Seabrook, N.H., are writing to call your attention to troubling deficiencies in existing plans to provide for the safety of our students in the event of a radiological emergency at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. We seek your intervention on behalf of this vulnerable segment of the state's population.

While a significant history of controversy surrounding nuclear emergency and evacuation preparedness precedes this letter, we are concerned that the passage of time may have generated a level of complacency which has left serious issues unaddressed. Recent events in Japan introduce a moral imperative to address these issues now.

When the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeals Board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reviewed the evacuation plan for the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) around the Seabrook plant, the plan was remanded due to four "critical flaws" cited by the board. One of these "critical flaws" was in planning for the evacuation of school children. Rather than ensure that the board's findings were addressed, the commissioners of the NRC altered licensing protocol to eliminate ASLB Appeals Board approval of evacuation plans as a preliminary requirement for an operating license. The "critical flaws" remain.

The New Hampshire Radiological Emergency Response Plan (NHRERP) originally assigned public school teachers the responsibility of evacuating students to distant "reception" centers (actually decontamination centers) and supervising them there for the duration of the emergency, or until each is released to an authorized adult. 596 teachers working within the EPZ were individually surveyed about their anticipated role in the evacuation plan. Citing overriding family and personal obligations, 97% declared that they are unavailable to serve in this capacity.

Subsequent litigation resulted in a 1987 New Hampshire Superior Court ruling which established that teachers cannot be required, and have no obligation, to take on a role in the NHRERP, calling it "conscription of private citizens." The court went on to suggest that "...the state should consider the probability that it will have to provide assistance to school children should an evacuation become necessary."

A semantic alteration of the plan was the only step taken, as it now delegates responsibility for the evacuation of thousands of school children to "school officials." These people are not identified. As the faculty and staff of a school located within one mile of an operating nuclear power plant, we do not know who they are.

Parents of students attending schools within the EPZ receive annual "calendars" which contain official information as to how to proceed in the event of a radiological emergency at the Seabrook plant. Parents are directed NOT to go to their children's schools to pick them up. Instead, they are offered assurance that their children will be cared for by these unidentified evacuation personnel. This is an alarming discrepancy.

At this moment in state history you have, through your election, been entrusted with protecting the health and safety of the people of New Hampshire. As professionals with a responsibility to advocate for the children in our care, we submit this appeal to you.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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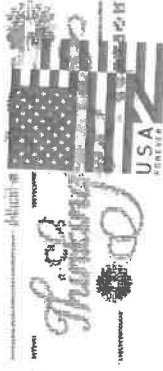
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