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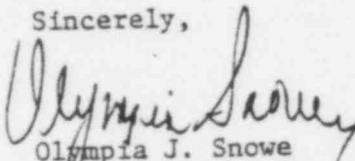
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the following correspondence from my constituent, R. Perry Hart, regarding the licensing requirements for nuclear power operators, and criteria for determining safe levels of radiation.

I look forward to receiving your comments on this matter which I may use as a basis for my reply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress
2nd District, Maine

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Dear Representative Sroene

I am writing this letter in reaction to a meeting I attended on April 27 in Edgemoor concerning Maine Yankee Power Plant. I am quite concerned about some of the statements brought to light at that meeting and would hope that those with the ability and prestige to do so would follow upon these items and try to bring about a safer method of operation. The fact that the operators of the plant failed to pass the tests for their licenses and one still allowed to operate the plant disturbs me to no end - especially when given the reasons for their failure, the questionable monitoring of Maine Yankee of what they term "minor" releases of radiation into the atmosphere is also bothering me. In my mind, as well as a lot of physicians, there is no such thing as a "safe" level of radiation and I want to be notified of these things

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when they occur - not several days
later - so that I can take such precautions
as I deem necessary. The poor or non-
existent evacuation plan is also cause
for concern - especially in light of some
of the mis-management practices being
followed by nuclear power plants that
may well make such a plan essential.

All-in-all, I fail to see why a thing
as potentially dangerous as a nuclear
power plant can be allowed to operate
without the most careful scrutiny and
a mandate to be more concerned
about public welfare.

My vote is to urge you to do whatever
is in your power to keep this plant
closed.

Sincerely,
R. Perry Hart
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