



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos.: 50 445/444

Ms. Katharyn S. Hok  
174 Little Pond Road  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Hok:

Your letter of July 5, 1979 has been referred to me for reply. You expressed concern about emergency planning for areas near the Seabrook Station.

Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-135 and CPPR-136, authorized by an Initial Decision of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board dated June 29, 1976, were issued on July 7, 1976. That Decision did not require an emergency plan for the area outside the Low Population Zone (LPZ).

In its Decision of July 26, 1977 (ALAB-422), the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board reduced the LPZ distance from 1.5 to 1.25 miles and upheld the Hearing Board's Decision that the applicant not be required to provide an emergency plan beyond the LPZ.

In its Order of June 17, 1977, the Commission announced its intention to initiate a rulemaking on the issue of emergency planning outside the LPZ. On August 23, 1978, the Commission proposed a rule change to clarify its intent that consideration of emergency planning beyond the LPZ is a factor in the license review. The Commission also stated that the Commission regards dealing with this matter at the operating license stage, as opposed to reopening construction permit reviews, to be a more reasonable approach, and that because the proposed rule involves a limited element in addition to the siting and engineered safety considerations to assure protection of the public health and safety, this procedure of review of existing permits and licenses is acceptable.

Since the Three Mile Island 2 accident on March 28, 1979, and a March 30, 1979 report by the General Accounting Office, the requirements of the Commission for emergency planning are being reevaluated to determine whether changes in those requirements are required. If changes are required, the revised regulations would indicate whether the requirements are applicable in full or in part to Seabrook.

By petition dated May 2, 1979, the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League (later supported by the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution) requested that the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation issue an Order suspending or revoking Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-135 and CPPR-136 pending a determination that evacuation of persons within 30 miles of the site is feasible and that the site is still acceptable after analysis of a Class 9 accident. This

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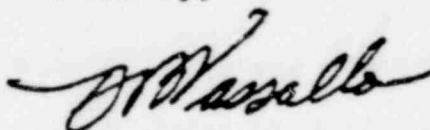
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petition is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations and, accordingly, appropriate action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time. We will send you a copy of the Director's decision when it is issued.

I believe the ongoing reevaluation of the Commission's requirements for emergency planning and the actions to determine appropriate action on the petition of the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League will reflect consideration of your concerns.

Sincerely,



D. B. Vassallo, Acting Director  
Division of Project Management  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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July 5, 1979

Dear Mr. Denton,

As a resident of the state of  
NH. I am writing to express my  
concern about the safety aspects of  
the nuclear power plant at Seabrook.  
After Three Mile Island and the  
report issued on Mar. 30, 1979 by the  
General Accounting Office on preparedness  
of utilities and committees to deal  
with nuclear facility accidents, there  
remains much doubt about evacuation  
plans for nuclear power plants.

As I understand it, the Public Service  
Company is currently responsible for  
demonstrating the feasibility of a  
plan to evacuate the population

in areas with a radius of 1.25

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rides from the plant itself. I do not believe this is an adequate review considering the very crowded summer conditions in the Hampton Beach area. The drawing up + testing of a more comprehensive evacuation plan is certainly warranted in the light of recent events. Until the Public Service Company and the NRC are able to demonstrate such a plan, I believe that construction should be stopped. I support the actions of the Seacoast Anti-pollution League requesting such a construction stoppage until this matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the people of this state.

Yours very truly,

Kathryn S. Hok

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