



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket Nos. STN 50-568
and STN 50-569

Ms. Janet Smith, Region I Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
JFK Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am forwarding for your review and comment the draft environmental impact documentation identified in the enclosure to this letter.

The Draft Environmental Statement was prepared by my staff in accordance with the statement of general policy and procedure on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as set forth in the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR Part 51. The statement has today been sent to the Environmental Protection Agency and notice of its availability is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Comments will be due within 60 days after publication in the Federal Register of the Environmental Protection Agency's listing notifying the public of issuance of the impact statement. Please send a copy of your comments directly to the applicant. His address is:

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In particular, please give us your comments on those sections of the statement that discuss topics for which EPA has primary responsibility (Sects. 4.2, 4.3.2, 5.2.2, 5.3, 5.5.2, 6, 9.3, 10.1, 10.2.2, 10.3.1, 10.4.2.2, and Appendix C). We also request that you reexamine your preliminary draft NPDES permit (Appendix F) with respect to radiological releases. It appears that the present wording of the document would prohibit any radiological releases; it should be made clear that this restriction applies only to the construction phase.

In December 1975 the NRC and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) executed a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the regulation of nuclear power stations. One provision of this memorandum is that the

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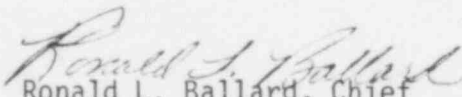
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NRC and the EPA will work closely together during the environmental review of nuclear stations proposed for construction, with the NRC serving as the lead agency.

In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, you will be given the opportunity to participate in the review of comments made by other Federal, State and local agencies concerning the Draft Statement. You will be asked to assist in the preparation of the Final Statement. If there are areas of disagreement between the NRC and EPA which cannot be resolved prior to issuance of the Final Statement, both the NRC's and the EPA's views will be accurately set forth in the Final Statement.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Dr. Phillip Cota (FTS 492-8432), who is the environmental project manager for our review of this application.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure:
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