



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

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Docket Nos.: 50-443/444

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Meiklejohn  
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Hampton, NH 03842

POOR ORIGINAL

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Meiklejohn:

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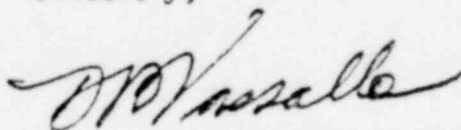
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petition is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations and, accordingly, appropriate action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time. We will send you a copy of the Director's decision when it is issued.

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

Mr. Harold Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20585

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Dear Mr. Denton,

We live approximately five miles from the projected nuclear plant at Seabrook, and following the evacuation problem at Three Mile Island, we want to call your attention to the evacuation problem here.

We understand that the public service company is currently responsible only for an area within a mile and a quarter of the proposed plant, which everyone in this area knows is hopelessly inadequate. Here the five mile area which they were evacuating in the Three Mile Island case includes a population density which we are told calls for the application of the strictest NRC rules. It also includes the beach area where the evacuation problem in the summer would be horrendous.

We are also told that action on this problem should have been taken by the NRC prior to the issue of the construction permit. Certainly it must be taken before an operating permit is issued, and we hope that you will make every effort to see that something is done about it now.

Obviously, the primary action on this problem belongs to the NRC, but our local authorities must bear a certain amount of responsibility, too, and I am sending a copy of this letter to our Governor, Hugh Gallen.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart H. Meiklejohn*  
*Elizabeth H. Meiklejohn*  
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