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Dear Sirs:

I have just read where your Commission is accepting written comments relative to adequacy of emergency planning around nuclear facilities. Therefore, I wish to briefly address you on this subject.

I am particularly concerned about this because I am between 2 facilities: the soon-to-be-built Seabrook one and Maine Yankee in Wiscasset.

We in coastal Maine rely so much on tourism and other industries associated with our natural resources that to cause any short- or long-term harm (even if only alleged harm) is to create great economic difficulties. (Witness this summer's gas panic, when tourism decreased 30% when it wasn't even justified.)

The Wiscasset plant has particular problems which I am more than aware: the problems of evacuation of persons on many peninsulas which abound in the area. To compound the problem of many areas with only one egress/ingress mode, there are also large numbers of persons totally unfamiliar with the area (tourists) who would need immediate information available during an evacuation.

I personally would like to see no further nuclear facilities built until mankind is more capable of dealing with the problems they create (the wastes; the health hazard unknowns) - which I do not foresee within my lifetime (not before the year 2000).

I hope everything humanly possible will be done to make the facilities existing safer and to deal more rationally/intelligently when emergencies arise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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