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Dear Mr. Valore:

Your letter to Chairman Hendrie regarding the radiological monitoring program for the Salem Nuclear Generating station has been referred to me for reply. It would not be appropriate for Chairman Hendrie to reply directly because he might be called upon to review the issues you bring up if they come to hearing.

As a result of the experience with off-site monitoring after the accident at Three Mile Island (TMI), an in-house NRC task force was formed to consider the value of enlarging the off-site monitoring programs for all nuclear plants. Individuals particularly knowledgeable in the field of radiological measurements from the Office of Standards Development, from the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, and from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation were selected for the task force. The conclusion of this group's reassessment was that an increase in the accuracy of estimating population dose in case of an accident could be achieved by increasing the number of thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD's) around each plant. The specific recommendation of the task force was to require each licensee to install 40 TLD's in two concentric rings around each plant. In addition, the NRC and/or the appropriate state agency will deploy another 40 TLD's around each plant. (Twenty TLD's surround the TMI site.) The task force established that the accuracy of estimating population doses would be increased only marginally by installing dosimeters in excess of the recommended number. The Technical Specifications for each plant, including Salem Units 1 and 2, are being amended to conform to the new requirement.

I trust that these actions taken to improve the radiological monitoring in the proximity of the Salem Nuclear Power plant accommodate your concerns.

Sincerely, 1205 118

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Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C., 20555

Re: Salem Nuclear Generating Station,  
Unit #2

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

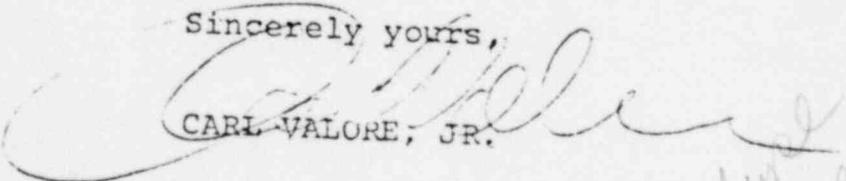
I am Special Nuclear Counsel for the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

Based on the evident grossly inadequate radiological monitoring program at Three Mile Island, pre and post accident, the officials of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek are extremely concerned about the licensing of Salem #2 for operation.

The Township is presently negotiating a contract for its own independent monitoring program. However, the responsibility for an adequate monitoring program should be primarily that of the operating utility.

I respectfully request one of two courses of action: 1) the operating license review procedure on Salem #2 be expanded to permit an evidentiary hearing on the adequacy of monitoring at Artificial Island prior to an operating license being granted for Salem #2; or 2) An Ad Hoc Committee be appointed to determine the adequacy of monitoring at Artificial Island prior to an operating license being granted for Salem #2.

Sincerely yours,

  
CARL VALORE, JR.

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