

July 2, 1977

Dr. Harold Denton  
Director, Office of Nuclear  
Reactor Regulation  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20547


Dear Mr. Denton,

As a resident of the New York (State) of New Hampshire, I am quite concerned with the safety aspects of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. The evacuation issue in particular is one area that causes much concern. It is evidenced by all of the incidents at Three Mile Island, and by the March 30, 1977 report by the General Accounting Office on preparedness of utilities and communities to deal with nuclear facility accidents. There remains much doubt in the evacuation plans for nuclear power plants.

As I understand it, the Public Service Company is currently responsible for construction and feasibility of evacuation plans for a 1.5 mile radius from the plant site. This is not an adequate review because of the fact that this does not cover the heavily populated areas of the southeast, such as Hampton Beach, which is often "ball-to-ball" people during the summer months. There is no possible way--without a comprehensive and tested plan--that these people could be evacuated and saved for in a safe orderly fashion.

The drawing up of an evacuation plan--a plan that should and must concern itself with public health, safety, and welfare--must rest in the hands of Public Service Company and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and until they are able to prove that the ability of such a plan exists, construction should be stopped. I support the actions of the Seabrook Anti-Pollution League to request such a construction stoppage until this matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the people of the State of New Hampshire.

Yours very truly,

  
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