

Dear US Atomic Safety and Licensing Board,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Public Comment Session on Monday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am submitting my comments below.

My Name is Maria Ward Davis and I grew up in Ipswich Mass which is only a few minutes via water from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. I am also a career realtor, working in and around the whole seacoast NH and North Shore MA area. I am not an expert by any means on nuclear power or the plant's construction, however in my role as a realtor, I have seen how easily concrete degrades from the salt of the sea at more homes that I can count. I am passionate about our way of life here on the New England Seacoast, and am truly incredulous and frankly a little frightened that such a cursory look has been made in the past into the cracking and degrading of the cement and other materials at the power plant. Even from my limited perspective, we are not looking at these problems in a vacuum. Other power plants have had major issues and the tragedies at our US and Russian power plants have really shown that caution above all should be the rule of the day when looking at all aspects of this awe inspiring and truly dangerous power source.

From a personal perspective, my family has been here in this area since the 1700's and I would hate to see a danger that is completely preventable endanger our way of life. From a professional perspective, the economy of this area would be completely devastated by a leak or an incident of even the "smallest" scope. People would not come to the area to do business, vacation or dine out. Businesses would lose their people. Property values would plummet and our economy would self destruct. These effects would be long lasting and the amazing contribution of our long history and way of life could be lost.

Given the risks, I believe it is a relatively small thing to look at the cement degradation at the plant more closely and to take the recommendations of Dr. Victor Saouma, who actually is an expert on this subject, very seriously. What price tag can we put on caution considering what is at stake?

I am not against nuclear power, what I am saying is that if it can't be safe beyond a doubt at the plant then it should be closed while proper examinations and testing take place and no matter what the cost, everyone involved should be putting the safety of the people that work at the plant, the people that live here, the businesses and homes that make our economy thrive first.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Maria Ward Davis

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