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Mr. Ron Morgan, Editor, ^{DRAFT} Saxton Bureau
The Daily News

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Mr. Jon D. Baughman, Editor & Publisher
The Broad Top Bulletin
604 Main Street
Saxton, PA 16678

Dear Mr. Baughman:

This is in response to your letter of April 11 about the nuclear reactor that was operated by the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation in Saxton, Pennsylvania. In your letter you asked if it would be possible for you and one or two other newsmen to accompany our inspectors when they next inspect the facility.

We are not in a position to extend an invitation to you or other newsmen to accompany our inspectors. Your presence at the licensee's facility can only be at the invitation of the licensee. The licensee is under no obligation to the NRC to honor requests such as you have made. However, in this particular instance, we would not object to two newsmen accompanying our inspector assuming that you agreed in writing to certain ground rules which relate primarily to your safety and to the understanding that you will not be permitted to interfere with the actual inspection. Prior to entering the licensee's facility, you would be asked to sign a document similar to the enclosed.

Therefore, if you wish to pursue the matter, you must next deal directly with the licensee.

We do not yet have a schedule for the next inspection at Saxton. If, however, the licensee does extend an invitation to you and other

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newsmen to accompany our inspector^s during the next inspection, we will contact you at least several days in advance.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Snyder
Assistant to the Director

Enclosure: Protocol/Waiver Agreement for Accompaniment on NRC Inspections

cc w/o enclosure: Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corp.

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PROTOCOL/WAIVER AGREEMENT FOR ACCOMPANIMENT ON NRC INSPECTIONS

During any accompaniment on inspections conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I agree to Abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. I understand that the accompaniment and site visit is a privilege and not a right; that I am an observer and not a participant in the NRC inspection.
2. I agree to abide by the instructions and guidance of the NRC inspector or licensee representative during the time I am on the licensee site.
3. I will not interfere with the inspector while he is conducting the inspection. I understand that I am free to ask questions during the inspection but should do so in such a way that I do not unduly interfere or interrupt his duties.
4. I understand that I will not be permitted entry into restricted areas.
5. I agree to stay with the NRC inspector or the licensee representative at all times.
6. I understand that I may be excluded from discussions between the NRC inspector and licensee personnel if any party deems it appropriate for such exclusion.
7. If I receive information of a proprietary or physical security nature, I agree that I will not disclose such information to any other person.
8. I understand that I will be in an industrial type environment exposed to the risks associated with that environment. I accept the responsibility for my own safety and will not hold the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or any of its employees liable or bring civil suits against the agency or its employees should I be injured or exposed to harmful substances during the period while on the site or in transit to and from the site. I hereby waive all claims of liability against the Commission.
9. I understand that I am responsible for my own expenses and must provide my own transportation to and from the site. As a guest of the facility owner or manager, I agree to abide by whatever rules and regulations that he requires and will sign a visit agreement/waiver form if required to do so at the time of arrival on site.

Witness Signature

Visitor Signature

Date

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