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Docket Nos. 50-266
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The Honorable Thomas E. Petri
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Petri:

The enclosed letter to Mrs. Joan Estes responds to the request contained in her letter to you of December 13, 1979.

As indicated in that letter, we will schedule one of our future meetings to include her and members of her organization in the Manitowoc area to discuss the condition of the Point Beach Unit 1 steam generators if, following her review of the enclosed evaluations, she desires us to do so.

Sincerely,

(Signed) E. Kevin Cornell

for William J. Dircks, Acting
Executive Director of Operations

Enclosure:
Letter to Mrs. Joan Estes

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January 4, 1980

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Mrs. Joan Estes, President
Lakeshore Citizens for Safe Energy
3314 Gass Lake Road
Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220

Dear Mrs. Estes:

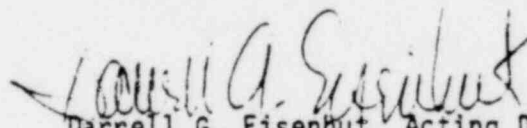
This is in response to your letter of November 29, 1979 to Commissioner Hendrie, which has been referred to me for reply.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of NUREG/CR-0199, "Radiological Assessment of Steam Generator Removal and Replacement." This report contains the type of general information that you requested with respect to the radiological aspects of steam generator replacement.

As to Point Beach specifically, Wisconsin Electric Power Company has not at this time made a request to replace the steam generators at their Unit 1 facility. If we receive a proposal to do so, you can be assured that both the safety aspects and environmental impact will be carefully reviewed. Whether or not an Environmental Impact Statement would be prepared would depend on the specifics of such a proposal.

Any hearings with respect to replacement of steam generators at Point Beach would be held in the general vicinity of the plant, in accordance with our normal practice.

Sincerely,


Darrell G. Eisenhut, Acting Director
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosure:
NUREG/CR-0199

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

January 12, 1980

Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman-Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20555

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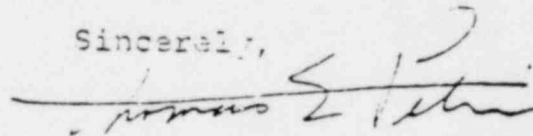
Dear Mr. Hendrie,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I received from Joan Estes, who is the President of the Lakeshore Citizens for Safe Energy in Manitowish, Wisconsin. She is very concerned about the operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant.

I share her concern and would appreciate any personal attention you can give to this matter, in assuring that the plant is operating only in a safe and reliable manner.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Petri
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cc: Joan Estes

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The Honorable William E. Proxmire
United States Senator
5241 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Sir:

After less than twelve days of modified operation, Point Beach Unit I has been shut down because it is still plagued by steam generator tube leakage.

Why ... Why did this happen? During their last outage approximately 145 tubes were plugged. Testing of the tubes was comprehensive and the new crevice flushing technique was tried. In fact, fourteen cycles of the procedure were performed and several pounds of sodium and phosphate were removed from the two steam generators. Even the new multi-frequency eddy current method of testing was used for the purpose of detecting tube degradation.

The Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant has the highest rate of corrosion than any other plant in this country. To slow down that high rate, the NRC granted Wisconsin Electric Power Corporation permission to operate the Point Beach facility at a reduced temperature (it is felt that high temperatures accelerate corrosion) and a reduced pressure.

Even after all the tests and the precautionary methods employed by WEPCCO for the continued operation of the Point Beach facility, in less than twelve days of operation the plant was shut down because the same problem of leakage still exists.

We have asked the NRC to hold a hearing in the Manitowoc area so that our concerns may be addressed. We, who live in the area, would like a thorough explanation of what is occurring at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant. Could you please help us in our request?

Please put yourself in our place. If you lived next to a nuclear plant that just finished a thorough testing program and a modified operation program; and yet, after ten days has to be shut down because of tube leakage - would you be concerned?

We need your help!

Sincerely,
Joan Estes
Joan Estes, President
Lakeshore Citizens For
Safe Energy

P.S. Please let us know the next time you plan to be in the Manitowoc area.