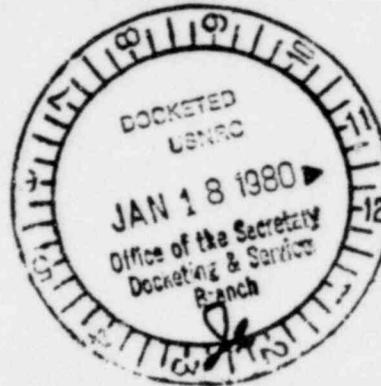


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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in reference to your review of current evacuation plans for residents within a ten-mile radius of nuclear power plants. We live within a ten-mile radius of Pilgrim I (1/2 mile, to be exact), and I would like to point out the fact that the evacuation plans for the town of Plymouth are by no means complete. If there were to be an accident today, unfortunately, you would bear witness to mass confusion and death, as the current plan would take a minimum of three to four hours to enforce. As it stands, an administrator with Boston Public Health would have to make the trip to Plymouth by car to verify an accident—a minimum of forty-five minutes at best. What if it happens to be rush hour, or during a severe storm? Then, he might not make it at all! Consider that he might make the trip in record time, he would still need time to inspect the accident and render his opinion of procedures to be followed by civil defense. If, in any case, his decision might be to evacuate, as it now stands this would be done by police bull horns, etc. Consider the massive size of Plymouth, and the abundance of small dirt roads in out-of-the-way places, and you are fooling yourself if you sincerely believe it could be done in less than two or three hours! The only way it could ever be done quickly would be by an extensive alarm system attached to the plant, which would sound throughout the whole area even during a severe storm. Under the current plan, it would also be virtually impossible for families to be united if there were an emergency during the day. Everyone would be going off in opposite directions to different evacuation shelters.

Also, in line with civil defense concerns, please initiate something in your plans to cover aircraft flying directly over Pilgrim I. Currently, if you check with the Plymouth Airport and Bedford Aviation, anyone can fly over Pilgrim I at any time. I pointed this out in my letter to you two years ago, and still nothing has been done about it. Several weeks ago, in the wee hours of the morning, a jet flew over our houses so low that the houses shook, everyone was awakened, and my daughter could actually see the plane right over us. I repeat, we are 1/2 mile from Pilgrim I. (This jet supposedly was from Otis AFB.)

I shall anxiously be awaiting your reply. I would certainly hope that you will not approve of this current plan until these very important items are worked out. By the way, what happens in the event that there is a plant emergency in January, while they are refueling? This evacuation plan is not scheduled to be valid until the spring of 1980? Dare we be so arrogant as to assume that there will be no accident until the plans are complete? I, for one, plan to take my children and get out of here during the refueling process! (So are other neighbors.) As a matter of fact, there are at least six houses for sale in this immediate area—that's how much blind faith some of us have in the nuclear power industry!

Sincerely,

Judith Farrell

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