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Chairman John Ahearne
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
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Dear John:

The enclosed from the Town of Kensington, N. H.
was sent to me.

Cheers,

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Mitchell Rogovin

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State of New Hampshire
Town of Kensington

April 18, 1980

From the office of
Selectmen

Mitchell Rosovin
Director, NRC
Special Inquiry Group
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC
20555

Dear Mr. Rosovin:

The citizens of Kensington, New Hampshire at our annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1980 have voiced favorably to advise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding Article 18 of the 1980 Town Warrant. The following is a true extract from the minutes of William B. Grant, presiding Town Clerk at said meeting.

ARTICLE 18. By petition of Sandra Gavutis and others: whereas the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has requested citizen input on evacuation of a 10 to 50 mile radius around nuclear facilities, we the citizens of Kensington hereby request that the Selectmen inform the NRC that in our opinion no license shall be granted for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station until, and unless, a safe evacuation plan has been demonstrated. And further Town Selectmen shall inform the NRC that no town funds will be spent on an evacuation plan for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. Motion by Sandra Gavutis to accept Article 18, seconded by J. Clark Jacobs. Voice vote was in the affirmative. Article 18 passed. Attested to this 18th day of April 1980 William B. Grant, Town Clerk of Kensington, New Hampshire.

For the following reasons, we the Selectmen do not believe that an evacuation of the Town of Kensington is feasible within the time frame during which a radioactive plume might cover this Town, which we understand, according to Table II of NUREG-0396, might be on the order of one to four hours.

1. Limited escape routes exist for the estimated 80,000 year-round residents and the estimated 200,000 additional summer and transient populations in the coastal area.
2. Our Civil Defense Director, Joan Bigler is a volunteer, and the Town lacks any budget or resources to properly plan an evacuation.
3. The Town contains three schools, elementary, a kindergarten and a nursery school. There are many elderly persons, many one car families where the principal wage earner may be away from home during working hours.
4. The Kensington Police Department consists of five officers, all part time. The Chief of Police works out of town and cannot be available at all times. The only communications system available in Kensington is police radios.
5. In the event of a nuclear disaster, a serious question exists as to whether an evacuation of the residents of Kensington would indeed be possible.

Sincerely,
Selectmen
Town of Kensington

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Charles R. Estman
Sandra Gavutis
Wesley Rose

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