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Mr. John F. Ahearn, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearn:

We are writing to express our deep concern with the potential safety consequences from steam generator tube degradation at Unit One of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. Although at this point in time we are not prepared to take a position regarding the type of corrective action that may be necessary, testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Utilities has clearly shown that there is an urgent need for a full adjudicatory hearing on these safety issues.

Frankly, we consider it completely unacceptable for the Commission to have postponed hearings and resolution of this critical generic safety issue, recognized by independent scientists, for so long. With Point Beach having experienced the worst tube rupture in this country, and with it presently undergoing the worst rate of tube degradation of any U.S. plant, it is imperative that hearings begin as soon as possible. A thorough investigation of the safety issues involved at Point Beach is only the first step toward solving the problem of generator tube degradation and the associated question of liability for the cost of solving that problem.

Please inform us of whatever action you take on this request and keep the Subcommittee abreast of continuing developments in this area. Your consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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CHAIRMAN
Senate Subcommittee on
Utilities

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