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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Peter H. Kostmayer, Chairman
Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter of June 1, 1990, requesting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to meet with Congressional staff during the week of June 18 regarding the Seabrook plant. Two previous meetings have been held with Congressional staff interested in this matter. NRC staff members who have been present describe these meetings as productive and beneficial because they have provided extensive opportunities to discuss the approach and status of the NRC's efforts as well as the concerns of the Congressional staff.

The two aspects of the Seabrook weld program that your staff wishes to discuss were covered extensively during the most recent meeting and will be well documented in an inspection report. The NRC personnel required to attend the proposed meeting are those who participated in the inspection, and I am concerned that the meeting will delay the inspection team's assessment of their field work and preparation of the inspection report.

Rather than meet the week of June 18, the team will be pleased to meet with your staff following the completion of the report and after your staff has had the opportunity to review it. I understand that the report is targeted for issuance in early July. I believe that this approach will result in continued timely and efficient exchanges of information between our respective staffs on all areas covered during the inspection.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. Barbara Vucanovich

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