

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Respectfully referred to

Mr. Dennis Rathbun
Director, Congressional
Affairs, Office of
Government and Public
Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, DC 20555

I am contacting you on
behalf of a constituent,
Michael McMahon, whose
correspondence is attached.

As Mr. McMahon's letter
indicates, he feels that
his health has been
jeopardized by exposure to
cobalt as a result of
unsafe working conditions
at the Nuclear Power Plant
in Plymouth, MA.

I would appreciate your
attention to Mr. McMahon's
concerns and your response
to my district office at 2
Columbia Road, Pembroke,
MA 02359.

Very respectfully,

Gerry E. Studds

M.C. 10 District
MA

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Congressman Gerry E Studds
Main St.
Boston MA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
HYANNIS DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Congressman;

I am writing to bring your attention, a recent Summary Review (enclosed), that affects a case that I have pending in US District Court against Boston Edison.

In February 1985 while working at the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant, myself and two others were sent into a contaminated area without respirators. We became internally contaminated with COBALT 60 (lungs, thyroid).

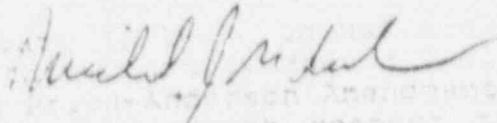
As you can imagine, this has been the cause of much fear and mental anguish, as well as physical problems. Because I can't prove my physical problems are a direct result of my exposure, it seems I no longer have a case "IN Massachusetts". My lawyers, Scott Tucker and David Peltz of Parker, Coulter, Daley, and White 1 Beacon St. Boston MA 02108 have told me that had my case been in New Jersey it would be a different story. They have also said that the Caputo Case (encl.) was weak and should not have been taken, but that it has set a bad precedent.

Mr. Studds I suffer from chronic fatigue and headaches as well as other problems. I have a Down Syndrome child. My wife lost all of her hair six months after this incident, (it has since grown back). I believe these investigations being conducted around the plant are a joke. We have never been contacted by anyone, even though the first question asked at the Jordan Hospital, where my wife sought treatment for her hairloss, was "Does your husband work at the plant?". Boston Edison had a public relations man on the Board of Directors at hospital at the time. Very poor records were kept regarding my wife's visit. Other workers with Down Syndrome children and various other problems have not been contacted and factored into the big picture.

I feel as if I am fighting city hall. I don't trust Edison, the NRC, or even my own lawyers. They recommend we try to get a small settlement from Edison, to "Make us go away", even though this would leave my family without recourse should any thing happen to me in the future. I have told them no, that I wish to pursue this to the end if only as a matter of principle.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Michael McMahon

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