

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20426

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

April 22, 1975

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

The attached is referred to your office
as a matter coming under your jurisdiction.


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Enclosure

Ltr from Senator James
L. Buckley, dated April
18, 1975

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April 2, 1975

Dr. Marvin Resnikoff
174 West Avenue
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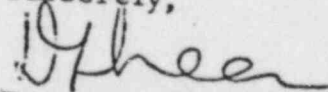
Dear Dr. Resnikoff:

I have received a copy of your March 27 letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which begins with a statement "it has come to my attention, through Dan Greene (sic) of Niagara Mohawk and Sue Reinert of Ecology Action of Oswego, that Nine Mile Point 1 may be operating in an unsafe condition." The clear implication of this statement is that I have made allegations to you with respect to the safety of our Nine Mile Point facility. Nothing could be further from the truth, as you well know. You have never contacted me directly on this matter, and frankly, I resent the use of my name in this context.

The interpretation of the spent fuel situation at Nine Mile Point with respect to safety is strictly your own. We firmly believe that the ability of the reactor vessel to keep the existing inventory of fuel cool under virtually all operating conditions maintains required levels of safety. A situation which might warrant removal of the core for inspection purposes or corrective maintenance, would allow time to consider various storage options. As you should know, various redundant systems are installed to maintain the core in a safe shutdown condition indefinitely.

In short, your interpretation of the spent fuel situation with respect to safety is in error.

Sincerely,



Daniel D. Green
Manager - Corporate Information

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cc: S. Reinert
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