

March 18, 1988

Docket No. 50-443

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
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Gentlemen:

As an enclosure to a letter dated January 28, 1988 from Congressman Edward J. Markey to Chairman Zech, the NRC was provided a copy of an Investigative Report, entitled "Drug and Alcohol Use at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant." We understand that a copy of this report was provided to you by separate correspondence from the Congressman. Certain specific allegations, provided as part of the Investigative Report, have already been reviewed and inspected during the conduct of separate NRC activities to investigate allegations raised by the Employee's Legal Project (Reference: Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-443/86-52 and 50-443/87-07). Nevertheless, I feel it is appropriate for you to formally provide NRC with your comments on the six recommendations contained in the report.

I therefore request that you provide to me within sixty days, in accordance with the routine correspondence requirements for the Seabrook docket, the information requested in the preceding paragraph. You should also feel free to elaborate upon any specific issues that you have determined to be particularly pertinent in your assessment of the conclusions of the Investigative Report. Additionally, to establish a clear and concise record on the docket regarding drug and alcohol abuse issues at Seabrook, you are requested to provide answers to the specific questions listed in the enclosure to this letter.

We recognize that the answers to certain of those questions may have been provided already to Congressmen Markey and Sharp in response to formal Congressional requests. If you determine that such duplication exists, you may copy and provide reference to such records, as appropriate.

The information requested in this letter should aid the staff in its continuing review of activities conducted at the Seabrook Station. Your cooperation with us in this effort is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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ENCLOSURE

The following questions are asked for the purpose of developing a complete record on each specific subject being addressed. The responses should be structured not only to apprise the NRC of the specific answer to each question, but also to provide a discussion of any pertinent licensee policies and positions on these matters.

1. With regard to all drug and alcohol incidents which have been identified at Seabrook Station since the commencement of construction, what evaluative processes were used to analyze the potential impact of each incident on plant construction quality? In particular, describe any differences which exist between the evaluation processes for incidents identified after 1982, for which records are available, and those applied to incidents identified prior to 1982 for which records are unavailable. Describe whether documented programs exist for the technical dispositioning of those incidents identified and provide a detailed bases, either specific or general, for your determination that construction quality was not adversely affected.
2. How were specific incidents of drug and alcohol problems evaluated to determine if a basis existed for reporting these matters pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) and 10 CFR 21? How were such incidents also evaluated for reportability as an ASLB Board Notification during the current and previous licensing processes?
3. What was the reason for the termination of the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory contract at Seabrook Station in March 1986? Explain the chronology and relation of this termination to subsequent PTL employee grievances and arbitrator rulings. Discuss any other specific problems that have been encountered in attempting to enforce project rules on drug and alcohol use at Seabrook Station and subsequent actions taken.
4. What objective evidence is available to provide assurance of site concrete quality, given the allegations raised in regard to suspected drug usage at the PTL laboratory? Explain in detail the scope of PTL activities at Seabrook and to what extent the PTL testing functions with regard to construction quality were checked or duplicated by other independent means or personnel.
5. On November 24, 1986, in response to a series of questions from Representative Markey, the NRC reported that it had been apprised by PSNH and others of nine cases of drug or alcohol related allegations at Seabrook.
 - a. Was PSNH aware of the details of the November 24, 1986 NRC response? If so, when did PSNH become aware? If PSNH was aware, what actions were taken to inform NRC that many other specific PSNH cases of drug/alcohol abuse at Seabrook had been investigated by PSNH?
 - b. Describe the efforts that were undertaken to assure NRC was provided complete and accurate information regarding drug/alcohol abuse at Seabrook. Include in this answer, a chronology of the relevant notifications/communications made and indicate to whom the notifications/communications were provided.