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Secretary of the Commission Attn: Docketing and Service Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

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## Gentlemen:

We are writing to you to urge support and implementation of your proposed new rule that will make it clear that off-site emergency sirens need not be in place when low-power testing is conducted. We agreewith the experts that such low-power testing poses no threat to the public outside the plant and therefore, sirens are unnecessary.

In particular, New England needs a 11 the power it car generate and we believe Seabrook is an already completed answer to this need. We further believe that when following your regulations, nuclear power and in particular Seabrook is less detrimental to the environment than alternative power sources.

Public officials in Massachusetts have made Seabrook a political football and are not giving any credence to the technical merits. They have even gone so far as to have already installed siren systems removed by so persuading some local public official: . They have mad this a game of obstructionist tactics. This makes it even more important and necessary that the NRC should make the decision as to when and by what rules the testing is to be conducted.

We believe that low-powertesting should be conducted as soon as possible by Seabrook. Your propose newrule is vital to New England's energy supply problem and should be enacted now.

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Very truly yours,

Mr. and Mrs. A.P. White