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Dear Secretary Chalk,

It has come to my attention that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a rule change that would lower standards for emergency planning and preparedness of nuclear reactor fuel-loading and low power operations. I want to register a firm No! to this proposal. Designed, it seems, to make Seabrook eligible for low power operations. The rule would apply to all future nuclear power plants.

I say No! because to load a nuclear reactor without taking every precaution required for full power operation would contaminate the plant precluding the possibility of plant conversion.

I say No! because emergency planning needs to be in place before permission is granted for low power operations for several

reasons:

1. catastrophic accidents. Though unlikely, can occur during low power operation.

2. low power operation is a preliminary step to full power operation which requires a workable evacuation plan. Eventually, why not now?

3. a terrorist attack, although a remote possibility, could put the public at risk in a nuclear accident.

I would appreciate your submitting these reasons to the Commissioners.

Thank you -

Mary Bye