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Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing
and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

On May 9, 1988, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a proposed change to its emergency planning requirements for fuel loading and low-power operation of nuclear power plants.

The proposed rule change would eliminate many existing low power licensing requirements, including offsite emergency response plans, any public-notification systems (including sirens), and the training of offsite emergency response personnel.

As a resident of the Seabrook nuclear plant area, I vigorously oppose the proposed amendment to existing safety requirements.

The proposed rule has been developed with only the utility's interests in mind. The NRC is once again moving to place the public at risk for the sole purpose of allowing Seabrook Station to obtain a low-power license, even though the question of whether it will ever be granted a full-power license is seriously in doubt.

In the interest of public safety, I urge the Commission to reject the proposed rule change. All offsite emergency response planning requirements must be in place before allowing any degree of risk to the public, including risks from low power operation.

Sincerely,

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