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Secretary of the Commission
ATTN: Docketing and Services Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

I am in favor of the proposed interpretive rule which will eliminate any misunderstanding of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's intent regarding emergency planning requirements for low power (5%) testing of nuclear power plants. It is not necessary that a full-scale public notification system be in place for low power testing due to the greatly reduced risk to public health as compared to full-power commercial operations.

With respect to low-power testing at Seabrook Station, the proposed rule will not decrease public safety within the emergency planning zone (10-mile zone). A fully operational Emergency Broadcast System is in place for both New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities. An operational siren system is in place in New Hampshire communities. The siren system that was available for Massachusetts communities was deliberately dismantled, however, a plan has been submitted to the NRC on how Seabrook Station will compensate for sirens.

I reside well within the 10-mile zone surrounding Seabrook Station (and near the beach) and am tired of hearing from Massachusetts politicians, who live 50 miles away in Boston, about their concerns for my safety, the safety of my family, my neighbors, and my friends. I am tired of seeing more money spent on starting up Seabrook only to fulfill the ambitions of these politicians. I do not want to pay more money, either in electric rates or taxes, to further their political careers.

I certainly sympathize with the NRC Commissioners in having to deal with political rhetoric and political pressure. It is about time, however, for the NRC to stop listening to politicians and start focusing on technical issues. Seabrook Station has proven, repeatedly, to be safest nuclear power plant ever built. Seabrook Station has proven to have a highly skilled and highly trained workforce. New England needs power now and Seabrook is complete. Please say "yes" to the proposed rule and "yes" to the commercial operations of Seabrook Station.

Sincerely,
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