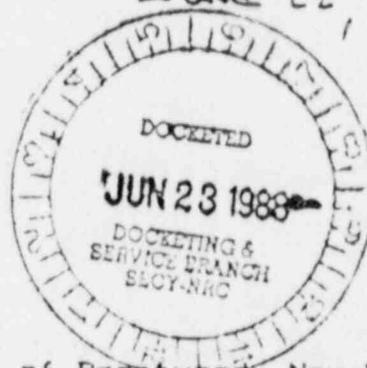


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Secretary of the Commission
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch
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Washington, DC 20555



Dear Secretary,

I am a Volunteer Firefighter in the town of Brentwood, New Hampshire and I would like you to know that I support the proposed Interpretive Rule concerning low power testing for nuclear power plants. I would also like you to know that volunteer firefighters, rescue personnel, police, etc., in our region would respond to a nuclear emergency in the same professional manner as they respond to fires, chemical spills, gasoline truck rollovers or any other life/health threatening situation.

The following is a true story that occurred one night in Brentwood: One of the residents in town became seriously ill one night about a year ago. He happened to be a fairly active anti-nuclear spokesman against the sirens installed by Seabrook Station. He has an advanced degree in Electrical Engineering from a prestigious Massachusetts University and argued fervently against the sirens based on their maximum design dB rating, i.e., that the noise levels could injure eardrums of individuals living close to a siren pole. In any event, he became a familiar face at town meetings and somewhat of a thorn in the side of the town's Civil Defense Director. The Civil Defense Director also happened to be a senior rescue volunteer. The night that the anti-nuclear individual became ill the Civil Defense Director happened to respond to the ambulance call in the early morning hours.

It so happened that ill person was experiencing a considerable amount of discomfort. When he recognized the Civil Defense Director and noted his actions as an EMT to (probably what seemed like) save his life, he uttered a statement something to the effect that, "Well, I guess this means that you get your poles!" It seems incredible that anyone could make a connection between a political battle over siren poles and saving a life in a real emergency.

The characteristics of the emergency volunteers and full time professionals are such that there is no question as to what they would do in a real situation. Please make your decision based on logic rather than emotion.

Sincerely,

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