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MEMO TO: Emile Julian, Acting Chief  
Docketing and Service Branch

FROM: Patricia R. Davis, Legal Assistant PD  
Office of Commissioner Asselstine

SUBJECT: SEABROOK PROCEEDING

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Please serve the attached letter on the parties to the Seabrook proceeding. Commissioner Asselstine has received several similar letters. All such letters will be placed in the Washington, D.C. Public Document Room if anyone would like to review them.

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March 19, 1987

Commissioner James Asselstine  
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street NW  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Commissioner Asselstine:

I am deeply concerned that the NRC is considering reducing Seabrook Station's emergency zone to one mile and reducing state input into evacuation planning.

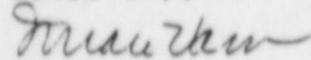
I know many, many people share my opinion that neither of these actions is in the best interest of the public. Of course either or both may expedite Seabrook's licensing, but I do not believe cutting NH Yankee's losses justifies risking public safety and trust: concerns about evacuation should be met head on, not circumvented by changing the rules. The economic toll of a cancelled power plant cannot compare with the potential economic -- and human -- toll of the accident we are told to expect at least once in Seabrook's generating lifetime.

Instead of perceiving Governor Dukakis's intervention as "sabotage," I know it speaks directly to wide concern that this area is simply too densely populated with inadequate roads or resources to succeed with any mass exodus. I do not feel protected by Governor Sununu's pact with the utility to develop plans -- nor would you if you listened to news daily of problems with sirens, valves, and accountability while you were stalled in normal traffic. I fear we are being compromised to salvage a project that never should have been started or completed in its current location.

I urge you to maintain the 10 mile zone and to retain states' right to participate in evacuation planning. I urge you to listen to and personally investigate Governor Dukakis's concerns about evacuation and recent health studies from the Three Mile Island. I ask you to place more importance on public safety than on financial ramifications to the utility.

We desperately need your objectivity and common sense. (In my 2-year-old daughter's name, as well), I ask you to please err on the side of too much protection and intervention than too little.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senators Humphrey, Kennedy, Kerry, and Rudman  
Representatives Gregg and Smith  
Governor Dukakis