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Dear President Reagan: 431079

Where to begin? I have enclosed a copy of an article I have submitted to the Huxbury Clipper newspaper. SK I am not an employee of the paper, just an interested and frustrated resident. Ind.

I am one of literally hundreds of people who have attended meetings of this nature. We are now signing petitions and writing elected representatives.

The Belgium Plant was

shut down in April
because of a clogged valve.
Are you aware that this
valve became clogged as
the result of horseplay by
some employees? They
were tossing a ball around
which they had made by
wrapping masking tape around
a rubber glove.

The evacuation plan is
unworkable. It's booklet
is fraught with misinfor-
mation.

State and local emergency
plans cover an area within
only 10 miles of the plant.
After Chernobyl, we all
know that 40 miles is

More realistic.

This plant did not have an operating fire sprinkler system for 3 yrs. (since 1983) The NRC wrote 250 violations to Kellogg concerning this.

Through public pressure it is in place now.

Very recent cancer studies indicate that the towns in the area of the south westerly prevailing winds from the plant are experiencing abnormally high levels of cancer incidence.

The security guards at this plant went out on strike and walked off their jobs on Monday evening.

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Assurances were made that everything was under control because of a recently hired work force. I saw the want ad published for these new employees. The requirements were: 19 yrs. of age, drivers license and H.S. equivalency test.

Mr. President, something is seriously wrong here. If the credibility of this panel is any reflection on the performance of the N.R.C., I think you should be concerned. State Senator Wm. Golden has been present at the meetings I have attended and could

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provide you with even
more information. Our Governor,
Michael Dukakis seems more
concerned with Seabrook than
Belgium.

There are tapes available
on the Deepbury meeting if
you would like to verify my
conclusions.

Please give this matter
your attention.

Many thanks.

Mary C. Ott

The following incidents at Pilgrim I were reported in the Police News of the *Clipper* from May 23, 1985 to Feb. 27, 1986.

May 13....7:40 a Edison Co. will test sirens on nuclear alert system today. FD notified. Short bursts on sirens.

May 16....10:15 p SP dispatcher says at 9:30 Pilgrim Nuclear Plant declared unusual event. No further action, no dangers. Standby FD & fire chief notified.

Aug. 13....11:29 a SP Middleboro broadcasting test of Pilgrim nuclear plant. No action req.

Sept. 5....8:22 a Test: Radiological emergency response plan, Pilgrim Sta., unusual event occurred at 8:16 a, no action necessary. No danger to health or public.

9:01 a Test. Pilgrim Sta., an alert occ. at 8:47 a, no danger to health or public. Off-site personnel on standby status. Notified FD.

10:38 a Test: Pilgrim Sta. site are emergency at 10:35 a. Activate emergency procedure. Acknowledged on county net. Confirmed, advised FD.

11:40 a Test: Pilgrim St. general emergency at 11:36 a. On-site personnel activated. Public within 5-mile radius to stay indoors. Advised FD.

3:36 p Emergency test terminated.

Sept. 20....8:27 p Middleboro SP says unusual happening at Ply. nuclear power plant. FD says no immediate harm to public.

Oct. 15....7:15 p SP Middleboro says unusual event at nuclear plant in Ply. announced at 6:48 p. No action needed.

Oct. 16....1:50 a Station W says unusual event at Pilgrim nuclear plant has been terminated.

Oct. 29....7:14 a Pilgrim Nuclear Station Reaction System (test only) no action required.

Feb. 14....10:41 a Unusual event at Pilgrim station. Not a drill. Container cooling system inoperable, deisel cooling system out.

12:42 p Unusual event at Pilgrim station terminated at 12:32 p.

A Growing Sense of Alarm...

By MARY OTT

After attending the meeting held at Duxbury High School on June 25 on the subject of Pilgrim I, Boston Edison's nuclear power plant, I feel compelled to share my feelings for the benefit of anyone who was unable to attend.

This evening was billed as an informational meeting for the townspeople of Duxbury -- an opportunity for Boston Edison to answer and address questions of concern to everyone.

We have all heard the rumors of mismanagement, labor problems, and of course, the recent shut-down of the plant in April by its monitoring agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC cited Pilgrim I as one of the worst managed plants in the country.

My purpose in participating in this meeting was to allay my own fears about my nuclear neighbor and to pose some questions which were of concern to me.

I directed my comment to Al Pederson of Boston Edison, who is the recently hired chief of day-to-day operations at the plant. I told him that I had recalled reading several items in the Police log published in the *Duxbury Clipper* which stated "unusual event, Pilgrim Nuclear Station." I had assumed that these were minor malfunctions of some nature.

It is only since the publicity accorded the Chernobyl incident that I have become aware that an "unusual event" is in fact the first of 4 classifications of serious malfunctions by the NRC to rate an accident at a nuclear facility. (For informational purposes, the other 3 are: alert; site area emergency; and general emergency.)

I asked Pederson to give the assembly a definition of an "unusual event," and further inquired as to how many of these incidents had occurred at Pilgrim. Pederson replied that he was new on the job and perhaps Mr. Silva could answer my question.

Roger Silva, a former Plymouth selectman and current coordinator of Boston Edison's emergency preparedness for the plant, did not provide an adequate definition of an unusual event; and in answer to my second question, said he didn't have those figures with him.

At this point, Richard Starostecki of the NRC, who is responsible for the safe operation of Pilgrim, interjected his thoughts on "unusual events" and said they were generally hardware malfunctions which were not serious matters. Regarding my concern with their frequency, he responded "It would be highly unlikely to have 4 or 5 such events occur in even a 2-year period."

According to an Associated Press Release, the NRC guidelines define an "unusual event" as anything that could mean "potential degradation of the safety of the plant" where no release of radiation is expected. The NRC does nothing immediately when told of an unusual event.

Presumably they are told. I wonder. Mr. Starostecki seems out of touch with what is going on at Pilgrim. My research at the *Duxbury Clipper* office indicates that at least 3 "unusual events" were entered in the Duxbury Police log in a 5-month period from Sept. 1985 to Feb. 14, 1986.*

My final question to Boston Edison was why there had been no "unusual event" entry in the police log at the time of the famous baseball incident. Silva replied, "I have no comment on that."

Many other residents were equally frustrated in their attempts to gain information. As the evening wore on, I felt a growing sense of alarm. If these people don't know -- who knows? Never have I attended a public forum and found the proponents of an issue so ill prepared to provide information and support for their own proposals. The only conclusion I was able to reach after 4½ hours at this meeting was that in fact there is very good reason for the public's growing erosion of confidence in this facility, its management and its watchdog, the NRC.

Citizens should have public access to information on Pilgrim I's performance record -- its accidents; their causes and solutions.

Many neighboring communities have had no say in this plant's inception, yet will bear the brunt of the problem should trouble arise.

Starostecki said that based on the most recent information he had, he could find no reason to delay putting Pilgrim I back on stream this summer.

I disagree. Too many questions remain unanswered.

This report has been sent to President Reagan, Governor Dukakis, Boston Edison, the Nuclear Regulatory Agency, Senator Kennedy, Congressman Studds, Senator Golden, Rep. Mann, and the Marshfield/Duxbury League of Women Voters. Join me in urging them to ensure public disclosure of the nuclear accidents that have taken place at Pilgrim I.

*Addendum