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DEAR SIR:

I AM RESPONDING TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RULES RE: "LICENSING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WHERE STATE AND/OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DECLINE TO COOPERATE IN OFF-SITE EMERGENCY PLANNING." (OBJECT STRENuously TO EVERY ASPECT OF THIS RULE, ESPECIALLY ITS INTENT TO ADDRESS "SIGNIFICANT POLICY QUESTIONS OF EQUITY AND FAIRNESS... WHERE A UTILITY HAS ... COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO A NUCLEAR PLANT ..." (p.4).

TO THIS PARTICULAR LINE OF REASONING, I OBJECT ON TWO GROUNDS. FIRST, AS POINTED OUT BY MASSACHUSETTS ATTY. GENERAL JAMES SHANNON, THE NRC HAS CONSISTENTLY RULED IN THE PAST THAT, UNEQUIVOCALLY, A UTILITY'S INVESTMENT IN CONSTRUCTION WAS NOT A PROPER FACTOR FOR NRC CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ISSUE A LICENSE TO OPERATE (e.g. DD-14; 4 NRC 279; 286; 1981). SECONDLY, THE CASE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS REFUSAL TO COOPERATE IN THE SEABROOK EVACUATION PLANNING, IS AT LEAST ONE CLEAR CASE WHERE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT WAIT UNTIL "AFTER IT IS FAR TOO LATE REALISTICALLY FOR THE UTILITY TO REVERSE COURSE" BEFORE TAKING ITS POSITION. THE STATE'S POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED FOR 43 YEARS, AND INCLUDED AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS 1979 A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION THAT CONSTRUCTION BE HALTED UNTIL THE EVACUATION ISSUE WAS SETTLED. EVEN IF THIS ISSUE WAS A LEGITIMATE ONE FOR LICENSING CONCERNS, IF THE NRC CLEARLY WARNED THE UTILITY OF THE RISK ON NON-LICENSEURE IN ITS 1980 RULES REQUIRING ADEQUATE EMERGENCY PLANNING, AND IF IN THE FACE OF STATE AND NRC WARNINGS, THE UTILITY CONTINUED TO RISK ITS INVESTMENT, THEN NO QUESTION OF UNFAIRNESS TO THEM ARISES.

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PRIMARY MISSION IS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THE ISSUE OF UTILITY INVESTMENTS SHOULD INDEED HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH LICENSING DECISIONS. COMMISSIONER ASSELSTINE'S SEPARATE COMMENTS ON THE RULE CHANGE MAKE CRYSTAL CLEAR THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE A CHANGE TO A LESSER STANDARD OF SAFETY, AND THUS SHOULD NOT BE CONTEMPLATED JUST BECAUSE TWO UTILITIES HAVE MADE THE MISTAKE OF PUSHING THE RULES TO THE LIMIT, AND IMPRUDENTLY CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION IN THE FACE OF SERIOUS SAFETY QUESTIONS.

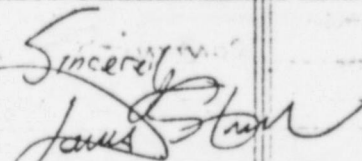
IN JUST 8 SHORT YEARS SINCE THREE MILE ISLAND, HOW CAN YOU ALREADY BE FORGETTING THE CHAOS THAT RESULTED FROM A MINISCULE RELEASE OF RADIATION AND THE NEAR TRAGEDY THAT COULD HAVE NEEDLESSLY ARISEN FROM INADEQUATE PRIORITY ON EMERGENCY PLANNING, THOROUGH, WELL-PRACTICED AND COORDINATED PLANNING OF A TYPE WHICH SURELY CANNOT RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED "ASSUME THE GOVERNMENTS WILL GO ALONG, AND HOPE FOR THE BEST ATTITUDE." THIS IS A CLEAR, BLATANT NEGLECT OF YOUR PRIMARY CHARGE TO PROTECT PEOPLE. IN VIEW OF THE "UPDATE" AT CHERNOBYL IT IS CLEAR THAT RULE CHANGES ARE NEEDED, BUT NOT THE PROPOSED ONES. EMERGENCY

EVACUATION PLANNING MUST BE BASED ON AT LEAST THE 30 KM RADIUS THAT WAS SHOWN TO BE NECESSARY AT CHERNOBYL, AND NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE FOR ANY PLANTS EVEN WITH SPARSE POPULATION IN THE E.P.2. EVEN MORE STRINGENT ADHERENCE TO ADEQUACY OF PLANS SHOULD BE REQUIRED OF THOSE PLANTS WITH VERY DENSELY POPULATED E.P.2's, PERHAPS AN EVEN GREATER THAN 30 KM RADIUS NEEDS TO BE REQUIRED IN SUCH CASES. IN VIEW OF THE EXPERIENCE OF REALITY LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO DO EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IN THE CASE OF SEABROOK AND, ESPECIALLY SHOREHAM, IS AN INSULT AND A THREAT TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

I FEEL GENUINE SHAME THAT AN AGENCY OF MY GOVERNMENT COULD SO DIRECTLY CONTEMPLATE AND PUBLICLY PROCLAIM ITS DESIRE TO ABANDON ITS DUTY OF PROTECTING MY HEALTH AND SAFETY.

I HOPE YOU WILL INSTEAD CONSIDER THE MORE STRINGENT PROPOSALS I HAVE OFFERED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND, I HOPE, YOUR SINCERE CONCERN.

Sincerely,  
  
JAMES STRICK



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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 31, 1985 a series of the most powerful tornadoes to hit the United States in over ten years ripped across northeastern Ohio and into northwestern Pennsylvania. In the 21st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, the twisters caused \$250,000,000 in damage and left over 60 dead. Since that time, I have grown both more aware of the need for and have become a strong believer in emergency planning. Perhaps more than any other single mitigation project undertaken by any level of government, a well prepared and implemented emergency plan can best protect public health and safety during an emergency.

It was with serious concern and objection, then, that I read the Commission's March 6, 1987 publication in the Federal Register of proposed new regulations regarding the licensing of nuclear power plants. As outlined, the Commission would seek to allow the issuance of a full-power operating license even if the utility cannot meet current emergency planning requirements due to a lack of cooperation from either a state or local government.

I'd like to express my strong opposition to the proposed change in regulation. If implemented, this proposal could lower current safety standards by licensing nuclear power plants with emergency plans that do not sufficiently provide for the safety of local residents.

The genesis for current regulations was the immediate aftermath of the Three Mile Island Accident of 1979. Because of that near disaster the NRC rightly set out to bring state and local governments more actively into the emergency planning process. In the seven years since the regulations were

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promulgated. those rules have helped to promote cooperation between federal, state, local governments and the nuclear industry and thus provide for a safer nuclear industry. The proposed changes would represent a step back from those improvements.

Allow me to highlight several of my concerns with the proposal. Overall, it conveys a federal "vanity" in that it presupposes that it alone has the sufficient wisdom and expertise to decide when a nuclear power plant is safe. The proposal also assumes an irresponsibility on the part of state and local governments that is unfounded. State and local governments do not conspire to place roadblocks in the way of a nuclear power plant seeking a full-power license. Instead, local and state government input in the licensing procedure can reflect the legitimate concerns of those levels of governments most familiar with the area and therefore better prepared than the federal government to offer opinions on the adequacy of safety plans.

Indiscriminate rule making by the federal government that limits or ignores the authority and responsibility of either a local or state government, or worse, transfers that responsibility to private utilities is intolerable and dangerous. The elected officials of both state and local governments are obligated to ensure that the health and safety of their citizens is protected. This responsibility cannot be transferred to a privately-owned company merely by the fiat of a federal commission.

I also find several other premises of that March 6th proposal to be of great concern. At one point, those provisions convey NRC's opinion "that adequate emergency planning and preparedness ... represent an additional level of public protection that comes in to play only after all of the other safety requirements ... have been considered." Proper emergency planning is not secondary to any other aspect of pre-licensing safety requirements. Only with a plan in place that is workable, practiced and that enjoys the support of the local residents will the NRC be able to ensure as safe a plant as possible. I'm afraid, however, that with the Commission's lack of priority for emergency planning none of these goals can be met.

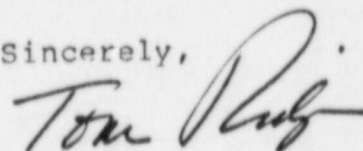
Furthermore, the Commission substitutes current policy for what is termed a "best efforts" standard of protection. I'm not sure much more needs to be said. For the NRC to propose that all levels of government and the nuclear industry should simply settle for something less than the safest possible nuclear power facilities is irresponsible.



Finally, I truly feel that the Commission's changes are a bureaucratic response that ultimately will fall apart out in the "real world." If an accident were to occur, in the absence of state and local participation, the utility as allowed by the proposed rule would implement its plan. Under what authority could the utility direct evacuation traffic, man access control points, move to protect both the food and water supply and see to other government functions? To be honest, the NRC argument that state and local governments would assume responsibility for such tasks without having had a part in the planning is at best hopeful and certainly shouldn't be the basis of government policy at such a critical time. Furthermore, even if either the state or local government or both should assume those responsibilities during the crisis without having an opportunity to either plan or practice those plans, the result would be numerous and potentially life-threatening problems at a time when efficient management is of vital importance. These problems would be exacerbated when, as is the case in my congressional district, a nuclear power plant is located near a state border. Here, the need for a well-prepared plan is essential in coordinating the efforts of two state governments and the effected local municipalities. The March 6th proposal would potentially prevent such a joint plan from being formulated. Simply put, an emergency plan prepared by a utility without state or local participation would be meaningless and in itself a disaster.

I certainly can understand the Commission's troubles in licensing both the Seabrook and Shoreham plants. State and local governments, however, must play a part in the licensing of a nuclear power plant. To solve these two unique problems by doing away with the very worthwhile improvements that have been made since the Three Mile Island accident would be a mistake we must not make. I truly hope that the Commission would withdraw these regulations and instead formulate a plan that will allow for the orderly and responsible licensing of nuclear power plants while also guaranteeing the participation of state and local governments in that process.

Sincerely,



Tom Ridge  
Member of Congress

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Admiral Lando W. Zech, Jr., Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Admiral Zech:

Concerned Citizens of Montauk with its membership of 1000 East Hampton residents are extremely upset by the action of your Nuclear Regulatory Commission concerning a rule change governing evacuation plans for nuclear plants. The NRC under your leadership is obviously pro nuclear because of your background as a nuclear Navy man. The people of Long Island who live under the cloud of the Shoreham nuclear plant are pro their health and safety. Which is more important the safety of the people or profits for a badly managed LILCO? The threat your Commission is making to the people of Long Island with its proposal to change the rules, would rob them of their right to protect themselves. Who knows better than the local residents the traffic patterns of the area? Have you ever tried to move westward on Long Island on a Sunday afternoon? Accidents don't pick the right time to happen!

Your rule change to exclude local determination for an evacuation plan in the case of a nuclear accident defies:

- 1) the promise of President Reagan in 1984 to the people of Suffolk County that local determination will be honored;
- 2) the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution,
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We urge your Commission to vote against the rule change that denies the people of an area the right to protect themselves. The Appeals Court, just recently, reaffirmed the right of Suffolk County not to adopt an emergency evacuation plan for the Shoreham nuclear plant. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also supported the State and the County with the statement "FEMA believes the non-cooperative stance of some state and local governments stems from a genuine public concern for the health and safety of those people living in the vicinity of nuclear power plants. We believe these rights and concerns should be respected.". In fact you and three of your Commissioners along with LILCO stand alone in your support of this

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Please let your fellow Commissioners know how we feel by showing them this letter.

Very truly yours,

*Carol Morrison*  
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President

cc: Senator Alfonse D'Amato  
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JOHN A. O'ROURKE  
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N.R.C. Secretary.

I am writing to you, as you stated in the  
Daily News, for Public Comments.

I live in Shirley L.I. which is about  $9\frac{1}{2}$   
miles I hope away from Shoreman. N. P.  
Before a N. Plant is built, don't anyone consider  
the ~~the~~ people and property. Example if there  
is an accident in Shoreman, and I hope to God  
that never happens, all those families, lost there.  
homes, look at Riverhead, All farm land.  
is gone, why? I read in the paper, how everything  
Lilco goes to low power, there is a Shut down  
as something else wasn't working right, again  
For that Plant to be in operational order.  
it must be 150% safe - 1<sup>st</sup> for the  
Workers, and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the land around the  
Plant. Say there is a accident, there goes  
Gruman Aviation, which build planes for  
over -

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Navy and Airforce. (2)

Who will repay the people for their  
land and house value.

The Government, the N.R.C. or Liles?

Remember 3 mile Island!

Shoreman, when it started having Problems  
should have taken someone advice and went  
to Hydro Elect. Maybe Liles wouldn't  
~~be in the~~ have the Problem they have  
now, also the Customers wouldn't be paying  
that much. If the N.R.C. gives Liles  
the OK, they are advising me the Plant  
will never have a Accident, and I shouldn't  
worry. Also if they was the N.R.C. & Liles  
will ~~be~~ give me full value for my  
land & house. And will also be responsible  
for Emergency Planning.

I hope I am correct in saying this

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I thank you for the time in reading  
my comments.

I hope I've been some help, and I  
I hope everyone ~~does~~ does the correct thing  
for the sake of the people, land, & I hope.  
~~The~~ That the NRC, L.L.C.O. & the State of  
N.Y. will reach an agreement. I do believe  
that State & Local Gov. should have a  
big say in this matter, as they represent  
the people. And also collect their taxes.

Thank you.

John O'Rourke



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United States  
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Gentlemen:

The enclosed article on evacuation plans exactly presents the way I feel about the matter, and the need for federal, rather than state, regulation.

Sincerely,

*Morris Seldin*

Morris Seldin

P.S.- Since the utilities involved are willing to bear the costs involved, and there would be no expense to the States, why should the local governments object?

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## We Need Evacuation Plans for Other Risks Than Nuclear Plants

To the Editor:

You are right to call for a reinstatement of the authority of the Federal Government over emergency planning ("Federal Power Over Nuclear Power," editorial, Feb. 9). But there is another issue at stake, and that is the incredible inconsistency in the furor surrounding the establishment of evacuation plans for nuclear plants, but not for any other facilities of comparable risk.

Accidents involving major chemical facilities, gas and oil storage sites, and dams, to mention only a few, pose risks similar to, and often greater than, nuclear power plants. In another example, the much heralded high-tech activities for semiconductor production (often billed, ironically, as a clean technology) involve storage of large quantities of extremely toxic chemicals, which, in the event of accident or earthquake, could lead to disaster, according to a report from California (news story, Feb. 8).

Nuclear power plants do not pose unique risks either in probability or

potential impact. Bhopal — far more serious in its impact than Chernobyl — amply illustrates that. But there are domestic examples as well.

In 1976, the Grand Teton Dam failure was, fortunately, limited in impact to fewer than a dozen fatalities (although more than \$500 million in damages was claimed). A dam failure in Italy killed more than 2,000, and there are several dams in the United States that put at risk hundreds of thousands of people.

Even the prosaic railroad industry poses significant risks in the transport of hazardous materials, with accidents commonly leading to sudden evacuations. For example, more than 250,000 people were evacuated from a Toronto

suburb a few years ago because of a chlorine rail-car derailment.

There are very good reasons for a state government to facilitate the establishment of sensible and effective emergency plans for all types of facilities and accidents. In seeking to eliminate nuclear plants by setting impossible standards for emergency preparedness, what states ignore is that such plans can serve as models for other facilities. A number of utility nuclear emergency plans have already been implemented to respond to situations entirely unrelated to the power plant.

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Dear NRC Commission,

I am writing as a resident of Long Island and a teacher within the "20 mile radius" of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. I am strongly opposed to your proposed ruling which would licence Shoreham without a state and local government emergency plan. It is not possible to evacuate an island the size of Long Island. There 1,000 small children in our school - William Floyd Elementary in Shirley - alone. To expect LIICO employees alone to conduct a safe & expedient evacuation of danger areas is absurd. Reconsider your proposal. The NRC is supposed to be safeguarding public safety not private profits. Thank you.

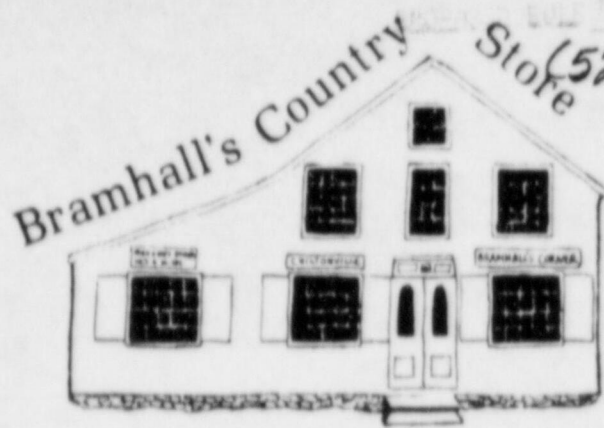
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Joanne Anderson

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Lando Zech  
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I am a lifelong resident of Plymouth Mass. I am a Town Meeting Representative and run a country store in town with my family. We get into Nuclear discussions daily with our customers. This nuclear issue is growing bigger every day. People have lost all faith in the NRC to protect our town. We no longer trust Boston Edison with anything whatsoever. No other industry in this so called "Free Society" is run in such a communistic manner.

We will fight to the end to keep Edison closed forever, and to keep our states rights.

You people have many questions to answer before you can even think of selling us on nuclear power. Evacuation, containment and waste being the most important.

Wedge Bramhall

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Mr. Samuel J. Chalk  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

I understand that the NRC recently proposed permitting nuclear power plants to operate without any state or local government participation in emergency planning activities.

I live on Cape Cod near the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Hyannis. I have read and wish to express my opposition to the recent proposals. In case of a nuclear accident, it is highly important to have clear plans for evacuation, relocation of endangered citizens and reception sites for evacuees. Local officials should certainly be involved in approving and implementing plans for affected citizens.

I sincerely hope that you will reconsider the advisability of emergency planning. I am yours truly,

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Winifred Rohde

MRS. WINIFRED ROHDE  
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Chairman Lando Zech  
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Sirs:

The power and responsibility of your Commission are truly awesome. While we are sure you strive to exercise them with integrity, your recent proposed rule change relating to the participation of local government in emergency evacuation planning makes us fear that you lack sufficient sensitivity to the welfare of the public. The safety of the American people is the mandated responsibility of the NRC and should always be the paramount consideration in its decisions. Yet there is no way that the proposed rule change, i.e., that local governments need not participate in the development of emergency evacuation plans, will even maintain the already insufficient level of protection; let alone enhance the public safety.

While we are concerned that our views and those of thousands like us are not given much consideration in the deliberations of the NRC, that is not our main concern here. Our concern is that you recognize the responsibility you will have to people under the new rule. People who will then have no effective way to affect your decisions but will have to live or die with the consequences of those decisions. If, as a result of the actions of the Commission, a disaster of the magnitude of Chernobyl should occur, tens of thousands of people perish or survive to live agonized lives, we are sure the members of the Commission could not endure the knowledge of their responsibility for such a catastrophe. And, it is not as if we can rely on our technical superiority in the United States. Three Mile Island reveals just how close we are to disaster. Only through good fortune did we avoid it then.

We realize you are operating on the premise that local governments will cooperate should an accident actually happen. No doubt you are correct in this assumption and they will do their utmost to avert a tragedy. But what makes you so certain they are wrong in the first place? Perhaps local governments do know their job. Perhaps, evacuation is not possible. What then? Will you issue some insane new rule requiring people to do what cannot be done.

With our minds and hearts, in the interests of the survival of our friends and neighbors, as well as our own, and from a sincere concern for the lives you will face should events prove you wrong, we earnestly hope that you will consider the ideas and thoughts presented above.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Physicist

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

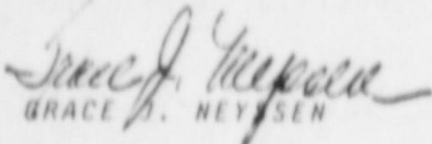
Dear Secretary of the Commission:

As a federal agency of our government, a government "for the people" and "by the people", I feel that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is not properly representing the people of Suffolk County, Long Island on the issue of the Shoreham Power Plant.

Seventy percent of Suffolk County residents have shown at the polls that they don't want the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant to open. Anyone even slightly familiar with our crowded roads and highways knows, beyond any doubt, that there is no possible evacuation for us and for our children, in the event of a nuclear accident. We are an island of over two million people (In January 1985, the population was 2,620,203 and in Suffolk County alone the population was 1,315,967.) This has certainly increased since then.) We are an island of one way in and one way out traffic. There is no assurance you can give us that a human error like Chernobyl or a malfunction of machinery could not result in a holocaust.

A major portion of our Long Island families are two job families who commute daily on crowded railroads and in bumper to bumper traffic. They have children in day care centers and schools and have homes and properties to care for. They are unable to attend hearings and have little time for letter writing. Therefore we place our trust in our government agencies who represent and serve our needs. We have made our feelings known at the polls. Shoreham cannot work on our island. You cannot in all good conscience permit this power plant to open. Represent us fairly and properly and don't make us victims of a wrong decision.

A concerned citizen,

  
GRACE J. NEYSEN

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing & Service Branch

Re: Licensing Seabrook Nuclear Plant

Gentlemen:

My wife and I own real estate within two miles of the Seabrook Nuclear Plant, at Salisbury Beach, Msas. We are very much opposed to the licensing of the nuclear plant at Seabrook.

The weekend traffic jam on Salisbury, Seabrook and Hampton Beaches constitute a log jam every holiday and weekend between mid March and mid October. The failure of your department to insist on an adequate evacuation plan is a great injustice to the people of the area. It is my impression that your department is more concerned with the dollar investment in the plan rather than the safety of the people in the vicinity of the plant.

I am totally opposed to the licensing of Seabrook, and consider your failure to insist on a ten mile evacuation area, and an adequate evacuation plan as a total disregard for the safety of the people in the area.

Very truly yours,

  
Jeremiah W. Doyle, 3rd

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OFFICE OF THE  
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Lando Zech, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Commissioner:

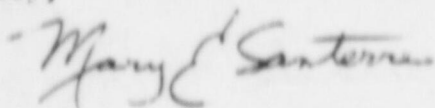
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I am strongly opposed to the NRC accepting evacuation plans submitted by a utility company.

Evacuation plans and procedures must be determined by the state legislature, for it is the state which is responsible for implementing these plans in an emergency. We entrust our elected officials with the responsibility to make decisions regarding public safety. For the NRC to put public safety into the hands of a private utility company is irresponsible.

I urge you to leave decisions regarding public health and safety in the hands of those who we have elected to make those decisions.

Sincerely,



MARY SANTERRE  
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Sincerely,

*Gynda Tyler*  
*St. Louis, Mo.*

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Sincerely,

*Joan Finkelstein*

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to your proposed rule change which would allow public utilities to submit evacuation plans for communities within the EPZ's of nuclear power plants, when state and local governments refuse to participate in such planning. This proposed rule contradicts President Reagan's position that "this administration does not favor the imposition of federal authority over the objections of state and local governments in matters regarding the adequacy of an emergency evacuation plan for a nuclear power plant." Has the President forgotten this position or does the present NRC board repudiate the Presidents' views? The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, states clearly that any plans developed without state participation cannot meet their safety standards. Would the commission dismantle FEMA as well? Since Chernobyl, three countries have abandoned nuclear power altogether: Austria, Sweden, and the Philippines, with Greece canceling its first reactor. According to Worldwatch Institute polls, 78% of all Americans oppose any further nuclear power plants. The NRC prefers to dig in its heels and license nuclear power plants at any cost to public health and safety. Perhaps it is time for the resignations of chairman Lando Zech and Mr. Victor Stello for starters. The people will turn to Congress to have their voice heard. I believe we still have a democratic form of government in this country.

Yours truly,

Margaret Martin  
Laurence W Martin