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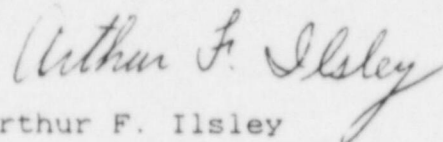
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir;

I am strongly in favor of a proposed change in rules to allow the licensing of nuclear plants such as Seabrook in cases where posturing politicians refuse to cooperate in offsite emergency planning.

I live within ten miles of the Seabrook Station and I feel that it presents no hazard to my family's health and well-being. Also, the owners have, in good faith, tried to work with the officials of Massachusetts but have been blocked for what are obviously political reasons.

Very sincerely,



Arthur F. Ilsley

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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary
US NRC
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing & Service Branch

Subject: Proposed Rule Change, 10CFR50.47, Emergency Plans

Dear Mr. Chilk,

I strongly endorse the intent of the proposed rule change which will facilitate the licensing of nuclear power plants notwithstanding the tactics of politically motivated officials to block their operation.

In accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the NRC has been empowered with regulating nuclear power; not state and local governments. This is not an issue of states rights, but rather an issue of whether the NRC is executing their charge or allowing states de-facto veto power over nuclear power.

Although a state may have the legal right to refuse participation in Emergency Planning, they do not have the right to expect their refusal alone can prevent the licensing of a nuclear facility. The NRC can and should provide an explicit mechanism for bypassing noncooperative politicians. I expect that the ultimate fallout of this rule change will be better cooperation between utilities and governments, as the politics will be removed from Emergency Planning.

V. Fallacara
Anne Fallacara

Vincent & Anne Fallacara
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Commack, N.Y. 11725

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ATTENTION: DOCKETING AND SERVICE BRANCH

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULE CHANGE RE LICENSING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

1) This letter is being written to express my support of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposed changes in the Rules relating to the Licensing of Nuclear Power Plants. I believe that the USNRC should permit nuclear plants to submit offsite emergency planning when local governmental agencies fail to do so within a reasonable period of time.

2) Local politicians and agencies should not have the right to frustrate the will of Congress which gave the USNRC the responsibility for establishing the safe construction, operation and protection of the public with regard to Nuclear Power Plants.

3) The citizens of New Hampshire will have to pay much more for their electricity over time because of the unrealistic concept that the cost of work in progress could not be included in current energy costs. The sooner Seabrook goes on line, the sooner the construction and start-up costs will be cut off, thereby limiting the ongoing unnecessary costs.

4) It is hoped that the USNRC will make the proposed changes at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,



George B. Foote

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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

I have been working at a nuclear power plant since 1979. When I started my assignment, I did not know much about nuclear power but I was willing to learn. The thought of nuclear power made me uneasy at first, but the more I listened, read and learned I became convinced that that is the only sensible way to go. I cannot believe that state and local officials are so ignorant when it comes to an evacuation issue, especially when an evacuation plan was developed and in case of an emergency would be effective. It is a shame that politicians are playing with the public's fear instead of keeping an open mind to an issue that is so crucial. I, and 700 of my co-workers, are in favor of nuclear power. We all would participate in an evacuation of area citizens should it become necessary, with or without state and local help. We are all trained in that area and are confident in what we believe in and what we work for. Not only should state and local authorities cooperate in emergency planning for nuclear power plants, but they should be fully involved in regional planning for much more likely emergency contingencies, such as natural disasters, chemical spills and leaks, etc., requiring similar services to protect the health and safety of the public. We know that non-cooperation in nuclear emergency planning is a local political ruse - a pose to satisfy a preconceived scheme to garner the votes of some at the expense of many. We are in favor of the second option as written in the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Irene Toner

Irene Toner
Supervisor
Site Administrative Services
Shoreham Nuclear Power Station

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Mr. Samuel J. Chalk,

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I would like to take this opportunity to comment on THE move by the N.R.C. to GRANT full power Licenses to Nuclear Plants without STATE & Local participation in emergency planning drills.

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
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It seems to me that the only people benefiting from Not Licensing the 2 Affected plants are Politicians with little knowledge of Nuc. Power, playing on the fears of an even more uneducated public. Over 5 billion dollars have been spent on Shoreham, with a million dollar a day cost in maintenance & training on a safe, clean and reliable power source. Let it not go to waste.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lind.

M. J. LEIDIG
12 FINESTONE ST
MILBROOK LENY
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PAUL C. Horansky
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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
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Dear Sir:

I strongly support getting the Seabrook
plant in ^{operation} as soon as possible and am in
favor of the proposed rule change which
would allow licensing nuclear power
plants where state and/or local governments
decline to cooperate in offsite emergency
planning. Put an end to these numerous
roadblocks and make Seabrook a working
facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Paul C. Horansky

Acknowledged by card MAR 27 1987

MAURICE B. MESSER

47 WINNICUT ROAD NORTH HAMPTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OFFICE OF JUDICIAL
DOCKETING & SERVICE
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Monday

march 23 1987

To Secretary, N.R.C.,

To the best of my knowledge & belief
Seabrook Station is safe to operate. There
is much opposition by misguided people &
those who use it for a "political football".

Town & state officials have failed
to cooperate in planning. In fact many
have done all they can to hold up the
works. Warning poles have been cut
down, some towns went to court to
have the warning poles & signs removed.
This is ridiculous as the poles & signs
were put up for their benefit. One town
official dumped all the plans furnished by N.H.
Yankee at the front gate in Seabrook.

I hope you will do your job and
not be pressured politically or otherwise

Respectfully
Maurice B. Messer

He called for a photographer so he
could get his name & picture in the paper

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Mr. Samuel J. Chiles, Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Dear Mr. Chiles,

I am glad to see that finally NRC is doing something that should have been done some time ago. Initial purpose of the "State approved Evacuation Plan" was good. But here all the politicians are using this to get votes from the majority of the citizens who have very little knowledge about nuclear power. Our government should never allow this to happen. You are given the power to make sure that nuclear power plants should be constructed, designed and operated safely. So you are the one who should decide that - not the politicians.

I fully endorse the 4 to 1 vote of the NRC to provide an alternative to the "state approved evacuation plan. Thank you for bringing out the proposed rule

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ACKNOWLEDGED BY

Sincerely,
Fannie B. Joplin

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SECRETARY

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20565

Dear Sir

I AM Hoping THAT YOU
WILL VOTE TO CHANGE THE RULES
THAT WILL ALLOW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
TO Come ON LINE WHEN LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS Refuse To Cooperate
in OFFSITE Emergency Planning.

AS A Resident OF N.H.

I would Like To See SANBROOK
PLANT ON LINE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AND PUT A END TO
THIS BATTLE THATS BEEN GOING
ON FOR TEN YEARS. AS A RATE
payer my bill IS JUST GOING
UP LISTENING TO IT. LETS END
IT & GET IT GOING

THANK YOU.

ROBERT N. LEIGHTON
BOX 267
SANBORNVILLE, N.H.
03872



Robert N. Leighton
SANBORNVILLE NH 03872

Resident OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR 58 YEARS

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Secretary

Mar. 19, 87

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Secretary:

As concerned New Hampshire citizens, we want to go on record as favoring the licensing of Nuclear Power Plants where State or local governments decline to cooperate in offsite emergency planning.

Please take this action to put a stop to the delays which have plagued these projects for so long.

Our forefathers must be rolling over in their graves at the waste and indecision of this present generation of Americans after what they endured to build up this great nation.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. A. Bourgea
225 Broad St.
Nashua, N. H. 03063

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bourgea

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RFID #3, Box 204

Epping, NH 03042

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

This is a comment on the proposed change in rules regarding nuclear plant licensing without State/local government cooperation in emergency plans.

It seems clear that the arguments against the proposed rule are political, rather than substantive. I agree with your position on the new rule, which is based on solid data and fair play, rather than on the favorable political wind of the moment. I oppose the irrational scare-tactics of Governors Cuomo, Celeste and Dukakis, and I support your effort to correct their abuse of power.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Wilkinson
MAR 27 1987

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Mar. 23, 1987

I feel that the NRC
Knows a lot more than
any local politician
and they should license
regardless of local and
State Government.
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yours truly
James Hill
201 Park Dr.
Mastic Beach
N.Y. 11951

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Monique G. Chabot

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Manchester, NH 03102

RE NRC Licensing
Change

I'm in favor of the
New Rule so we
can stop the delays
and get Seabrook to
Work.

Thank you
Monique Chabot

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

I understand you have proposed a new rule (or modification of an old one) which will eliminate the need for planning or approval of plans for evacuation around Nuclear Power plants, by local or state government, and allow required evacuation plans to be developed by the utility involved. I believe that is an excellent idea, recognizing that the utility directors know more about their power plant and problems that might arise than do temporary politicians whose interest is only in the emotional issues they think might get them votes next election.

There has never been a need to evacuate people from the vicinity of any US reactor. In fact, the only need for evacuation in the world (as far as we know for sure) at a Nuclear plant was due to a non nuclear fire caused by badly run tests that violated all their own rules for safety, not due to a plant failure. As I understand it, the rule requiring evacuation plans was the result of the 3 Mi Isl. incident, during which there was no need for evacuation, and no injuries to anyone in the area or at the plant. The rule seems to be an overreaction to the mindless hysteria intentionally generated by the anti-power groups. A need for that rule has never been shown. The rule PRESUMED intelligence among State & local government, something that has never been consistently demonstrated. Meanwhile YOU have made many more rules to insure a fantastic level of safety for new plants (at fantastic costs several times higher than anticipated when currently constructed plants were started). Those rules, and the safe designs & construction they caused, makes the evacuation rules moot, BUT, the anti-power forces and emotional politicians have now jumped on the evacuation rule as a way to block operation of completed plants, after they have failed in all their other illogical and dishonest attempts to block the needed plants. Is the reward for redesigning and rebuilding plants like Shoreham and Seabrook to meet every new safety rule, despite tremendous increase in cost, to be a total loss of the investment, and continued reliance on air polluting coal & oil plants? The control of technical decisions MUST remain in the hands of the people who understand the subject, NOT those who have merely won a popularity contest based on their ability to insult the opponent or look better on TV. As the rule now stands the NRC might just as well close their doors and give up, since the local know nothing politicians can completely overrule the NRC, using the NRC's own rule to do so! This is precisely what the NRC was set up to AVOID.

It seems especially ridiculous to consider that older plants built to far less stringent safety standards (altho proven to be more than safe enough, being far safer than any other power sources or any other industry), can operate without a state approved evacuation plan, while better plants, built to the latest standards, can be blocked from operating and returning the investment, by a single politician who has no technical knowledge or understanding of the plant or surrounding communities.

Public Service Co. of NH built the Seabrook plant with approval of the state PUC and the NRC. They modified the design as it was built to meet every new directive from the NRC, having every reason to believe the NRC would grant an operating license when completed, so they could generate the power they needed and get a return on their investment. The NRC has consistently given PSNH every reason to believe the plant would be

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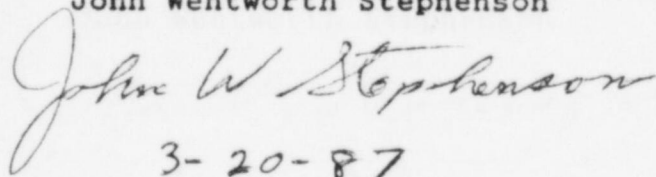
allowed to operate. It now appears that the ONLY way the NRC can regain the control of Nuclear plant licensing, mandated to you by Congress, is to modify your evacuation plans requirement as suggested by the new proposed rule. I would take the rule modification one step farther though, leaving the NRC as the SOLE agent to approve evacuation plans, and allowing the plans to be drawn up by anyone: local officials; plant builder or operator; citizens group; court; or the NRC. The ONLY purpose should be to have a plan in place for an orderly evacuation, without time limits. To those who suggest that any evacuation is impossible, I suggest they simply observe what goes on in those cities EVERY morning and night: There is almost a complete evacuation of nearly every home every morning as people go to work or school. In the afternoon there is a complete reversal of the process. Most vehicles travel during those hours with 1 to 2 passengers, while they could be carrying 4 or more. Simply telling the public to evacuate an area, using their own vehicles and picking up anyone who requests a ride will clear out most of the people in that 10 mi. zone in under an hour, leaving very few, if any, who need special assistance.

You might also consider what happened at Chernoble. The "accident" was intentionally caused by a bad test in which they violated their own rules. The release of radioactive materials was known immediately, and was far greater than the worst ever expected case for any US plant, yet they made no attempts to evacuate nearby residents for well over a day. Despite that the injuries & deaths were very few compared to any typical transportation accident, and mostly confined to those working at the plant or working to put out the fire and clean up afterwards. Any kind of evacuation plan would have worked well in that case, even simply telling people to leave on their own at their leisure!

You know as well as we do that nuclear power plants are inherently safer than coal fired plants, especially when you consider all the deaths and injuries and lingering bad health caused by mining & transporting coal, and the illnesses and damage caused by pollution products from burning coal. Even nuclear radiation is much greater from a coal fired plant, altho still negligible for those at normal distances from the stack. If you allow the local politicians to usurp your regulatory powers and block the operation of completed Nuclear plants YOU will be guilty of eventually causing MUCH MORE pollution due to coal burning. Is it logical to condemn millions to certain exposure to dangerous pollution in the faint belief you might protect a few people from a billion to one chance of receiving slightly more radiation exposure? At some point you must return to sanity and uncommon practical good sense!

Sincerely

John Wentworth Stephenson



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— 3-20-87

SIR,

I FIRMLY BELIEVE
THAT THE N.R.P. SHOULD
MAKE ALL OF THE DECISIONS
AS TO THE OPENING AND
EMERGENCY PLANNING
OF NUCLEAR PLANTS. —

TO ALLOW PEOPLE LIKE
GOV MARIO CUOMO TO
INTERVENE WOULD SPELL
THE END OF ALL NUCLEAR
PLANTS. —

I CERTAINLY SUPPORT
THE OPENING OF THE
SHORE HAM PLANT AS WE
CERTAINLY ~~NEED~~ THE

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Mr. P. Chase, H-1035

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POWER.

Sincerely, Yours,
David A. Downing
2180 ALLENWOOD RD.
WALL, N.J., 07719

March 23, 1987

Secretary

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Comm.
Washington, D.C. 20555DOCKETED
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Dear Sir:

I have read that you are considering a NRC Licensing Change that would in effect stop the veto power of a few towns and individuals who are against Nuclear Power. I know in their own minds they believe they are right, but I believe the facts speak for safety of Nuclear Power as compared to other sources of energy. As a New Hampshire resident of 35 years I hate to think I have to remain a good guy while a small minority hold up licensing of Seabrook. I know I will have to pay more for Power because of the delays we already have. It is time to return to majority rule. If in your opinion it is safe to proceed to put Seabrook on line. Let us do so now. That is the reason

we have a Nuclear Regulatory Commission!
You have been more than kind to the
opposition, now it is time to
back facts and reason and get on
with Seabrook.

Thank you
Leonard B. Chace Sr.
South Rd. RFD 1
Candia, N.H. 03034

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— March 22, 1988
Leavitt Road
Pittsfield, N.H.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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Dear Sir,

This letter is in reference to the rule change concerning the Seabrook power plant being constructed in the state of New Hampshire.

My wife and I favor the new rule and sincerely hope you will exercise the power of your position in favor of the change also.

For years now, we have been plagued with the loonies doing all they can, both legally and illegally to stop the construction of the plant we will all need in the near future.

Now they have enlisted the aid of governor Dukakis and some of his co-horts to aid them in their fight to deprive

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add: P. Crane; H-1035

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us of this necessary electrical source. It is my personal opinion that governor Dukakis could care less about what happens to the public so long as he gets their votes in his quest for the presidency. It also appears to me he has taken a long look at the hundreds of loonies across the country and has decided he could easily garner a large following by being their champion to close all the nuclear power plants, just as he is making every effort to keep Seabrook from going on line.

If the opponents of Seabrook are allowed to prevail and stop Seabrook from going on line, we the subscribers will have to pay large sums of money for the construction costs and we will have nothing to show for it. Already the stumbling blocks they have been allowed

to introduce has cost us dearly,
and if their simple flat re-
fusale to introduce an emergency
escape plan causes the plant
to be shut down, it would be
a terrible burden on us, while
giving the opponents more con-
fidence in resisting and over-
coming the rulings of a federal
department.

Thank you for the opportunity
to air my feelings on this
major subject.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson
Leavitt Road

Pittsfield,

New Hampshire

03263
