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The Honorable William S. Cohen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of November 25, 1986, addressed to the NRC Office of Congressional Affairs regarding concerns of several of your constituents relating to the Seabrook Station. In July of this year, the NRC Region I Office learned of the establishment of the Employee's Legal Project of Amesbury, Massachusetts, which was designed to help current and former nuclear power plant employees to report safety problems at their work place. The Region I Office has been in frequent communication with the project's director, Ms. Sharon Tracy, since early August, 1986. NRC Region I received several pieces of correspondence from the Employee's Legal Project in September and October, 1986, which provided a number of safety concerns pertaining to the Seabrook Station.

These safety concerns, as they became available, were given to the NRC Resident Inspectors as well as Public Service of New Hampshire for preliminary investigation. In the final analysis, some 61 potential safety concerns were formulated from the various documents received from the Employee's Legal Project. In order to thoroughly investigate these concerns collectively, a special team inspection was conducted by seven NRC Region I inspectors at Seabrook during the period November 3-14, 1986. In addition to their inspection activities at the site, these inspectors also interviewed those former workers who had given their concerns to the Employee's Legal Project and who were willing to talk to the NRC.

The NRC Region I inspection team is in the process of evaluating its findings and preparing a final report which should be available in the near future. Preliminary indications are that the concerns raised by the Employee's Legal Project do not raise any specific new issues which could adversely impact on nuclear safety at Seabrook Station. At the conclusion of our inspection, we again told Ms. Tracy to contact NRC Region I immediately if she received additional concerns or more specific information regarding existing concerns. NRC Region I is prepared to act promptly on any additional information provided by the Employee's Legal Project or others.

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If I or my staff can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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