

United States Senate

November 24, 1986

Respectfully referred to:

Office of Congressional Affairs
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Senator Claiborne Pell
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Dear Senator Pell,

I am writing to ask you to see to it that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission carries out a comprehensive, independent investigation into alleged safety violations at the Seabrook nuclear power plant before it considers granting the utility a low-power testing license.

Former employees at the plant have recently come forward and testified to a long list of alarming conditions and procedures at the construction site. These include epidemic levels of drug and alcohol abuse on the job, electrical cables along the inside of the containment vessel walls that give off sparks and ignite small fires, a clogged and inadequate fire protection system, improper mixtures used in the containment cement, empty beer cans and bottles dropped into wet containment cement (which may create air pockets), improper training procedures for various jobs, including delicate welding work, and much more.

By now everyone is aware that accidents can and will happen at nuclear power plants. At any moment during operation a cooling system, a fire protection system, or a containment building could be tested to its limits, and the health and lives of thousands of people would depend on the integrity of the original design and construction of the plant.

Please let the NRC know in no uncertain terms that the citizens in your state are aware of the allegations being made by Seabrook construction workers, and that they will not be satisfied with the Commission undertaking anything less than a well-designed, well-monitored, and independent investigation of these claims.

Thank you for giving your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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