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Dr. Kenmeth Rayes 1135 Emory Street Sen Jose 36, California

Dear Dr. Heyes:

This raplies to your letter of October 8, 1963 addressed to Chairman Seaborg in which you expressed concern as to operation of the twalear power reactor proposed for construction at Bodega Bay.

Polative to the geology and sciencilly of the proposed site, enclosed is a copy of a public announcement dated October 4, 1963 issued by the Commission on that subject. The matter continues under review by the AEC regulatory staff and its consultants.

Responsibility for safe operation of a nuclear power reactor under both normal operating conditions and in the event of an emergency rests with the reactor licensec. Under the terms of his license, the licensee is required to comply with the limitations of the Commission's regulation, 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Redistion", a copy of which is enclosed, and other specific provisions set forth in the license.

Proposed procedures for meeting both normal operating and emergency conditions are considered by the regulatory staff of the Commission and pariedle inspections of operations are raide by the AEC to insure compliance with regulations and license conditions.

Local soming and the esthetics of a proposed site are matters within local and state jurisdiction and are not within the purview of the Atomic Emergy Commission.

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