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Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

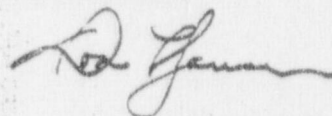
Dear Mr. Price:

I am enclosing copies of three letters received by my office regarding the proposed nuclear power plant at Bodega Head in the First Congressional District in California.

I would appreciate having a reply on these letters, including all the information with which you can supply me.

Thank you for any assistance you may be able to give me.

Sincerely,



Don H. Clausen
Member of Congress

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May 7, 1963

Congressman Don Clausen
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Clausen:

It has become obvious that while all power corrupts, atomic power corrupts absolutely. We are now provided with ample and public evidence that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has openly corrupted public morals in submitting impeachable testimony concerning the geology of Bodega Head to the California Public Utilities Commission, by altering reports by its own consultants submitted to the United States Atomic Energy Commission on the same matter, and by arranging at least one secret meeting with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, in violation of California law. Yet, the "evidence" presented by this company has been used by the Atomic Energy Commission for making a preliminary approval of a nuclear reactor on Bodega Head. In fact, it would appear that the Atomic Energy Commission gave tacit approval to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at least TWO YEARS BEFORE A GEOLOGIST STUDIED THE PROBLEM. The judgment of all who have relied on ad hoc opinions and doctored reports submitted by the applicant in his own interest is open to grave question. Under the best of circumstances, it would seem undesirable for the agency licensing nuclear reactors to base its decisions on evidence submitted only by the applicant. Because of the preliminary decision by the Reactor Safeguards Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission, the affair of Bodega Head has now become a matter of concern to the national government and the nation generally. Therefore, I urge that the entire Bodega matter be studied carefully by a special committee of the National Academy of Sciences and, further, that the qualifications of such members of the Atomic Energy Commission who may be or are being considered for posts requiring objectivity in scientific matters be very carefully scrutinized. The fact that this matter has gone as far as it has without adequate geological study is incredible, and certainly raises grave questions about the scientific acumen and judgment, if not competence, of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Very truly yours,

John W. Healy

cc: Congressman George P. Miller
Assemblyman William T. Bagley

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February 10, 1963

Congressman Don Clausen,
First District, California
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Clausen:


We have been in correspondence with the U. S. Army Engineers regarding silting of the federal channel and Bodega Harbor by construction work being done by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. on Bodega Head, Bodega Bay, California.

You probably know that we had considerable difficulty, and were long delayed, in securing a federal allotment to dredge the channel; this finally was accomplished just about a year ago.

We believe it is incumbent on our elected officials to see that the investment of taxpayers in public works is wisely spent and that such projects are maintained satisfactorily so that additional expenditures are kept to a minimum. Therefore we ask you to secure for yourself a copy of the permit issued March 15, 1962, by the Corps of Army Engineers, to Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and to satisfy yourself that the conditions set forth in the permit are complied with. We know that silting has occurred during the past three weeks due to excavation by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and we enclose a copy of our letter of February 2 to the Army Engineers on this matter. Their reply to our letter is not satisfactory, since it discounts the deposit of fill into the harbor and channel.

We will appreciate your comments and cooperation. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ray Ruebel
Secretary-Manager

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Senator Clair Engle
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

March 3, 1963
2322 Fallen Road
Petaluma, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to know that at least one of my representatives is concerned about atomic reactors. As you probably know, it is rather difficult to get the truth, or facts, on anything nuclear.

Board's Dairyman furnished the following: "the latest information available to us from the National Dairy Council is, as follows:

"Such then is the dilemma at the present time with respect to the question of legal authority to initiate countermeasures (and whether the present radiation protection guides should be modified, all things considered). Unless the guide ranges are raised, however, it will be important for dairy industry men to remember that meantime the ranges for iodine-131 and strontium-90 are as follows: For iodine-131 -- Range I is 0 to 10 micromicrocuries per liter of milk per day averaged over a year. Range II, 10 to 100. Range III, 100 to 1,000. For strontium-90 -- Range I is 0 to 10. Range II, 20 to 200. Range III, 200 to 2,000.

"For either isotope, an average daily intake at the upper limit of Range II corresponds to the radiation dose which is considered to represent an acceptable exposure level from normal peacetime operations.

"Paramount to remember is that the 'guides' do not represent precise 'numbers' under which you're all right, and over which you are certain to be harmed. Instead, the 'guides' might be considered like speed limit signs, below which there presumably is safety, but above which harm is not necessarily certain. And as every driver knows, there can be times when a driver may benefit from exceeding the speed limit with a burst of speed which helps him avoid, say a head-on collision."

Also the tear sheet from the Dec. 25, 1962, issue regarding I-131 where the University of Minnesota and U.S. Public Health Service found as high as 760 micromicrocuries per liter of milk. Would not this be in upper Range III? Now add to this strontium, cesium and iodine-131 from the PG&E plant. I believe AEC should make insurance available to us or AEC should cancel PG&E insurance which is many times the value of the nuclear plant. Then everyone is equal. I believe the insurance companies are just as capable of judging their risks as any experts.

I believe the Corps of Engineers was negligent in granting a permit to build the road in navigable waters, cutting off a pier that has been used for 75 years, and paralleling a paved road. Do you know the ultimate total nuclear reactors to be built and the total amount of Dodega Bay water to go through the plants? As this is a small shallow Bay, will not this effect the tides in the Bay and navigation in the jetty? You should see the mud from PG&E operations

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going into the Bay. Maybe the Corps likes this so they can dredge it again. They dredged it last year.

I wonder if the Coast Guard knows that there will be 3 or more high lines very close to their new station? Will this not hamper their using helicopters?

I agree that ordinarily local authority should determine local issues, but the public was not heard or protected in this case. When one cannot get insurance for local hazards, I believe something is very wrong.

I hope you will be able to inform me of Dr. Seaborg's report to you. Please keep in mind his dual job - safety and encouraging nuclear use. It seems to me there is a conflict.

Would it be possible for you to get the following for me:

1. USDA Radiological Training Manual - Agricultural Research Service
2. ^{Radiation} Reactor Standards, Including Fallout or Summary Analysis, 87th Congress, 2nd Session *2 parts*
3. Radioactive Contamination of the Environment - Health, Education and Welfare Dept.

Yours truly,

C.C. Goodale

cc Senator Kuchel
Assemblyman Don Clausen
AEC Appropriations Comm.

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