REG:CTE Docket No. 50-205

> Bodega Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Bodega Bay, California 94923

Attention: Mr. Ray Ruebel, Secretary - Manager

Geratlemen:

This replies to your letter of August 19, 1964, in which you requested information concerning the nuclear power reactor proposed for construction at Bodega Bay.

The exclusion area for a given reactor site is dependent upon the nature and power level of the largest reactor located at that site. Generally speaking, the exclusion area pertaining to a site such as that proposed by Public would be increased only if subsequently constructed reactors were of a power level significantly greater than that of the reactor presently proposed. This is, however, subject to evaluation of the engineered safeguards provided for the subsequent reactors.

We do not anticipate that the entrance to Hodega Harbor would be closed in connection with changes of fuel or under any circumstances other than the unlikely event of a serious accident condition. Procedures under such conditions are normally arranged between reactor operators and police and fire departments or other local emergency agencies. The U. S. Coast Guard Station or Doran Park does not come within the proposed exclusion area.

Concerning evacuation of the Town of Bodega Bay, a critical review of all information relating to the safety of this reactor, including evaluation of the "maximum credible" and other postulated accidents is presently under way as part of the Regulatory staff's study. This study involves the consideration of factors relating to the release of radioactive fission products, and, therefore, to the question of the possible effect of such accidents on the Town of Bodega Bay. The completed staff study will be in the form of the staff's hazards analysis, which will be presented at the public hearing required by less.

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Mr. Clifford K. Beck Acting Director of Regulation United States Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Your Subject: REG:CTE

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Dear Mr. Beck:

We appreciate your September 17th letter which was in response to a letter we sent to President Johnson on August 22, 1964. Thank you for sending us the pamphlet, "Licensing of Power Reactors" and the rules of practice.

On August 19, 1964, we wrote to Mr. W. R. Price, Assistant Director, Division of Licensing and Regulation, A.E.C., requesting that certain questions be answered. No reply has been received to our request, and we are wondering if you will be kind enough to give us the answers:

- 1. Could the Federal Channel at the entrance to Bodega Harbor be closed at any time? That is in the case of a nuclear accident at the plant, or at times of changing the fuel core? Any other circumstance?
- 2. Would the U. S. Coast Guard Station on Doran Park come within the exclusion area?
- 3. Would there be any circumstance that would result in evacuation of the town of Bodega Bay?

Naturally all of the above questions refer to the proposed nuclear plant on Bodega Head.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Ruebel Secretary-Manager DR-1297

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CC Mr. E. R. Price, Ass't Director Division of Licensing and Regulation U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington 25, D. C.

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