



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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CHAIRMAN

August 23, 2022

The Honorable Chris Pappas  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pappas:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your July 15, 2022, letter regarding the inadvertent siren system actuation that took place at the Seabrook Station on July 12, 2022, and resulted in the activation of nine sirens along the New Hampshire seacoast.

We appreciate your concerns and are conducting a thorough review of the inadvertent siren system actuation at Seabrook.

Promptly following this event, the NRC resident inspectors performed an initial review to assess the situation at the plant. Based on this preliminary review, the NRC continues to have reasonable assurance that the licensee, NextEra, can implement its emergency plan to protect public health and safety in the event of an emergency at Seabrook. The NRC resident inspectors and NRC staff are currently performing an independent review of NextEra's analysis of the cause of the actuation, and they also are assessing the adequacy of NextEra's actions to prevent recurrence.

The NRC staff provided information from this initial review in a briefing to your staff on July 13, 2022. We will continue to update your staff on the results of the NRC's oversight efforts, which will also be issued in a publicly available inspection report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson