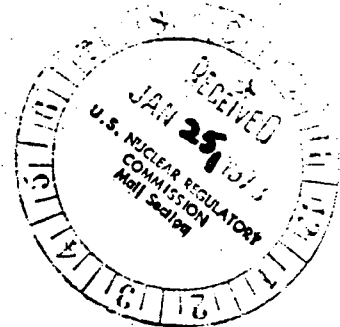


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January 16, 1978



Edson G. Case, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Case:

Thank you for your letter dated November 3, 1977 in which you responded to several questions I raised regarding compaction of spent nuclear fuel at Point Beach, Kewaunee and LaCrosse nuclear power plants.

Have applications for increasing the spent fuel storage capabilities of Point Beach and Kewaunee plants been submitted to the NRC subsequent to your November 3 letter? If so, when will hearings be held in these areas regarding these proposed compactations?

Would you please forward a list of nuclear plants throughout the country which have been granted amendments to their licenses to compact spent nuclear fuel, how many assemblies these plants were originally licensed to store at the plant sites, and the number of assemblies approved for storage with license amendments.

We would also appreciate receiving a copy of the draft environmental impact statement on spent fuel storage which was supposed to have been issued in draft form in Fall of 1977.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Wend Schaefer

Mrs. Wend Schaefer
624 Mayflower Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

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cc: Senators Gaylord Nelson and William Proxmire

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MARCH 27 1978

Mrs. Wend Schaefer
624 Mayflower Avenue
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Dear Mrs. Schaefer:

I am responding to your letters dated March 2 and January 16, 1978. I am sorry that I am late in responding to your January 16, 1978 letter but it was misdirected in our mail and distribution process.

Regarding the application of the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for expansion of the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant's capacity for spent fuel storage, we published a Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License in the FEDERAL REGISTER on December 30, 1977 (Citation No. 42 FR 65335). This Notice provided for a period of 30 days, ending January 30, 1978, during which any interested person could request a hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. Copies of the Notice and of Section 2.700 of 10 CFR Part 2 are enclosed. We had received no requests during that 30 day period and, therefore, no hearing was planned.

Mr. Case's letters to you of November 3 and 17, 1977, informed you that all correspondence and public notices relating to the Kewaunee Plant are available to the public at the Kewaunee Public Library's public document room. A copy of the Notice of Proposed Issuance was placed in that document room as part of a letter to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation dated December 17, 1977.

As stated above, the expiration date for the filing of a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene in connection with the proposed amendment was January 30, 1978. Since that date has passed a member of the public who now desires to request a hearing must do so under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.714(a) for nontimely filings. This means that you must make a substantial showing of good

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cause for failure to file on time taking into account the four factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a) and those factors set out in 10 CFR 2.714(d). In your case you may wish to indicate in any request for a hearing that good cause for the late filing of the request is based on the failure of the NRC staff to provide timely information regarding the issuance of the Notice of proposed issuance of the amendment despite your efforts to obtain that information which predates by a substantial margin the date of the issuance of the Notice.

If you elect to file a request for a hearing you should file it in accordance with the directions contained in the Notice. Such a request will be acted upon by the Commission or by a designated NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board after consideration of the responses to the request submitted by the licensee and the NRC staff. If you decide to follow this course of action, you should do so as soon as possible.

No application has been received from the Wisconsin Electric Power Company for any additional expansion of the capacity for spent fuel storage at the Point Beach Plant. An expansion of the original capacity was approved in October 1975 and that expansion has been completed. If we receive an application for additional expansion at the Point Beach facility, we will send you a copy of the Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to the Facility Operating License for that action when it is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. An advance copy of such a notice would go to the Local Public Document Room which is located at Document Department, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Library, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

Your January 16, 1978 letter requested a listing of nuclear plants throughout the country which have been granted amendments to their licenses to increase the spent fuel storage capacity. Such a list is enclosed. You also requested a copy of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Handling and Storage of Spent Light Water Power Reactor Fuel. A copy of this document, issued in March 1978, is also enclosed.

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If you have any further questions regarding hearings on the proposed expansion of spent fuel storage, I suggest that you contact Mr. Jeffrey F. Lawrence, Office of the Executive Legal Director, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

J.W. Steele
Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Division of Operating Reactors
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

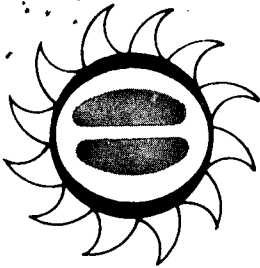
Enclosures:

1. Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment dated December 30, 1977
2. Section 2.700 of 10 CFR Part 2
3. List of Nuclear Plants with approved amendments to increase spent fuel storage
4. Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Handling and Storage of Spent Light Water Power Reactor Fuel dated March 1978

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March 2, 1978

Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Division of Operating Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket No. 50-305

Dear Mr. Stello:

Thank you for your letter dated January 11, 1978 and for the copy of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's request for a license amendment to expand the Kewaunee spent fuel pool.

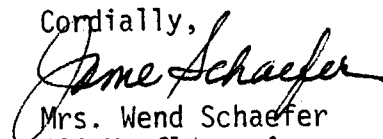
Has a similar request been received by the NRC from Wisconsin Electric Power Company regarding the spent fuel pools at Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant? If so, please forward a copy to me.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin recently conducted a public information session on the proposed compacting of Kewaunee and Point Beach plants. During that session, PSC Counsel Thomas Lockyear informed some concerned citizens in the area that the deadline for filing for a NRC hearing on the proposed Kewaunee license amendment had passed. I found this difficult to believe because of my many contacts with your office via letter since October and my requests to be informed of any hearings to be held. (Refer especially to my letter dated January 16, 1978.)

If the deadline for requesting hearings on Kewaunee and Point Beach proposals for license amendments to compact spent fuel has indeed passed, you certainly should be amenable to extending that date because of an oversight you made in not notifying me as I requested. Please be sure to delineate exactly how a request for a hearing should be made if my simple letters are inadequate. I await your response by return mail.

I am hopeful that the NRC is sensitive to citizens concerns regarding the temporary storage of radioactive spent fuel at nuclear plants in Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States. We are concerned that these lethal materials may pose serious health hazards during temporary storage. Of course, as you must well know, what we now term as "interim" storage might very well become permanent for we have not as yet resolved our radioactive waste dilemma.

Cordially,

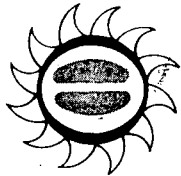

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Sandra Bast, Chairman, Lakeshore Citizens for Safe Energy

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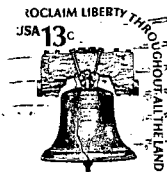
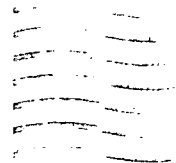
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