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The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Carr:

Today, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing process regarding Seabrook Station, Unit I has been officially completed, save for appeals, with the issuance of an approval for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire's full-power operational license.

Regrettably, as far as I am concerned, and as far as thousands of my constituents who reside within the radius of Seabrook's Emergency Planning Zone (hereinafter EPZ) are concerned, the licensing process, which is in place to address all safety and health issues, has been a failure. This is so because there remains a substantial uncertainty about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's, and therefore the Government's ability to protect the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the Station. And because of the gravity of the potential consequences of such an emergency, such uncertainty is simply not acceptable.

Throughout the course of the licensing process, I have often raised questions about the process itself and have viewed the unseemly spectacle of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency changing the rules of the game as the said process progressed in an apparent attempt to circumvent the express will of the Congress in order to pass favorably on the issuance of a full-power license. In addition to rules changes, I spoke often about the most serious allegations concerning the quality of construction, allegations which have never been addressed to my satisfaction.

But as for rules changes and the quality of construction, the answers to my questions are of such a technical nature that in the last analysis, I am bound to accept the conclusions of the experts.

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As I have said both on and off the record, I do not purport to be an expert myself on nuclear power. However, there is one critically important issue on which I do feel comfortable and competent to judge, and that is the matter of evacuation.

In dealing with the evacuation issue, all you need to know are the communities within the ten mile EPZ, the road network that threads it's way throughout the Zone, the prevailing weather patterns and the population counts at any time of the year, and if you should possess a little common sense as well, then you too can consider yourself an expert.

Therefore, based on the preponderance of the evidence before me, it is my considered opinion that should there be a radiological emergency at Seabrook Station, I would be forced to conclude that evacuation from within the boundaries of the ten mile EPZ and beyond is not a feasible option. I am further forced to conclude that it would also be impossible to adequately and safely shelter the public within and without the Zone in the case of such a dire event.

Using a legal analogy, I write this letter to ask the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to prepare and submit a brief in which it will marshal the necessary technical data, observations, testimony and all other evidence it has in it's possession to convince me that my conclusions about the evacuation issue are erroneous. And on behalf of my concerned constituents, I demand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission so respond in a timely fashion to my request.

Ordinarily, I would not issue a "demand", but in the context of Seabrook's licensing process, and the rancor and distrust it has occasioned, especially amongst responsible members of Congress, including myself, I don't feel the least bit reluctant about it's usage.

In point of fact, I challenge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to prove to me and the people of the 6th Congressional District of Massachusetts that evacuation is a realistic consideration in the event of an emergency at Seabrook Station. If you can meet that challenge, I will accept your decision to grant a full-power license. If you should fail, then you can anticipate that I will continue to do everything in my power to reverse that decision. For in the final analysis, while the need for the power provided by Seabrook Station is beyond question, nothing, and I repeat, nothing takes precedence over the preservation of the public's health and safety.



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I await your brief on the evacuation issue as it relates to Seabrook Station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nick Mavroules", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicholas Mavroules  
Member of Congress

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW  
HAMPSHIRE, ET AL.  
(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket No. (s) 50-443/444-DL

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