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Dear Mr. Kammerer:

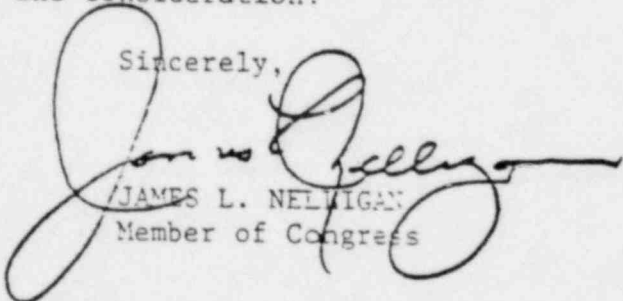
Mr. Gerald R. Schultz, Coordinator, Susquehanna Environmental Advocates, has contacted me concerning questionable construction practices and existing defects at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, the nuclear power plant located at Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Enclosed is a copy of the communication I received from Mr. Schultz. I would appreciate a response to the questions raised by him.

Please direct all correspondence to my Bloomsburg District Office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


JAMES L. NELLIGAN
Member of Congress

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Dear Sir:

I am one of the coordinators of the Susquehanna Environmental Advocates. We have received reports from people currently or formerly employed at the SSES concerning questionable construction practices or existing defects at the plant. We have been and are very concerned about the safety of the plant.

I am writing to ask you to investigate two of the reports we have received and to make your findings public.

We were informed that the reactor vessel head or cap was improperly installed. Specifically, it was not placed in exactly the right position, bolts were bent and that the equipment should have been replaced but, because of the time and expense involved, it has not been.

Secondly, we were informed that a large concrete pipe, built to carry water from the reactor to the cooling tower, had very large holes in it after the concrete pouring forms were removed, and that these holes were merely patched.

The reactor vessel is a critical piece of safety-related equipment. If it was improperly built or assembled, we think the people of this area should be told and the utility should do the job right.

Sincerely,

G. R. Schultz
Gerald R. Schultz, Esq.

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