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William F. Kane  
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Dear Mr. Kane:

As our Town Manager discussed with you by telephone last week the Town of Duxbury is most concerned about circumstances surrounding the January 11, 1991 Unusual Event at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPC) in Plymouth. This Board has voted to formalize a complaint about that incident. Specifically our complaint is that PNPS violated NUREG 0654 by failing to notify our municipality within 15 minutes that an Unusual Event had been declared. We understand that an investigation by the NRC Regional Office is underway. However, we want to be sure your investigation looks into the following issues:

- a. is the time line of the significant events accurate and complete?
- b. when was off-site assistance called?
- c. why wasn't the Unusual Event declared earlier?
- d. why was there a delay in the notification of the communities?

A January 22, 1991 letter from the PNPS Manager of Emergency Preparedness does provide a partial answer to d. above but it also raises other questions. For example, it appears that the declaration of an Unusual Event more properly should have been issued prior to 2031 hours since that was 24 minutes, at a minimum, after the Station's Control Room received notice about "smoldering insulation." Incidentally, the time line does not indicate how long a fire or the "smoldering insulation" existed prior to the Control Room receiving a report about it.

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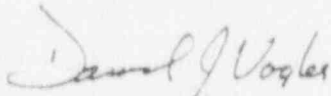
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The night of January 11th was also a snow storm night in this area so our emergency crews (fire, Police, Public works, etc.) were already active and busy. The dispatcher in Duxbury had a large amount of activity at the time he began receiving and in-turn passing on appropriate notices. He performed very well but the disorganized manner in which he received notification from Pilgrim added an unnecessary burden to his already busy operation.

We look forward to receiving copies of the investigation that has already been initiated but ask that the above issues also be addressed.

Sincerely,



David J. Vogler  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

cc: Chief Carl O'Neil  
Radiological Emergency Response Plan Advisory Committee  
Ron Varley  
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(1) Need to treat as allegation

Done ✓

(2) When report addressing this issue is ready, need to ensure it address each of the "issues".

Copy of report & cover letter back to Mr. Vaylen

(3) This letter needs to be docketed.

Bill Hoke