

October 31, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC-EVALUATED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE SEABROOK  
STATION; INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-443/96-07

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

This letter refers to the NRC-graded, biennial, emergency preparedness exercise inspection led by Mr. J. Lusher, at Seabrook Station, Seabrook, New Hampshire, during the week of September 16, 1996. The inspection evaluated the performance of your emergency response organization during the September 18, 1996, Seabrook Station, full-participation exercise. The inspectors discussed the findings of this inspection with Mr. B. Drawbridge and others of your staff on September 20, 1996.

Based on the results of this inspection, it was determined that the overall performance of the ERO was very good. Simulated events were accurately diagnosed, proper mitigation actions were performed, emergency declarations were timely and accurate, and offsite agencies were notified promptly. Exercise strengths were noted in the command and control of the Emergency Operations Facility staff by the Response Manager, and in the interfaces with the States of New Hampshire and Maine, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the NRC Site Team, which participated in the exercise. No exercise weaknesses, safety concerns, or violations of NRC requirements were observed. No response to this letter is necessary.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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