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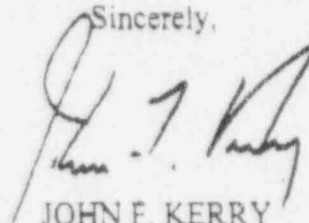
Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

I am concerned that despite the recent operational and safety violations at several nuclear power plants in New England, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has reduced its inspections at New Hampshire's Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant, which is located close to the Massachusetts border, and is considering additional reductions because of Seabrook's safety record. As I am sure you are aware, Seabrook is owned by Northeast Utilities (NU), the region's largest utility, which has been plagued with safety problems at a number of its nuclear plants in New England. In addition, NU's top nuclear executive was fired this past August and currently faces a criminal investigation for falsifying reports to state and federal officials. In light of these circumstances, I urge the NRC to restore to its previous level the frequency of inspections of the Seabrook plant to ensure it continues to meet all the applicable safety requirements.

I look forward to your response on this important matter, and to working with you to ensure that the nuclear power plants in and around Massachusetts are operating safely.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. KERRY
United States Senate

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