

April 25, 1997

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-97-025

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region I staff in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
New Hampshire Yankee	Notification of Unusual Event
Seabrook 1	Alert
Manchester, New Hampshire	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-443	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: PROTEST RELATED TO THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MASS ARREST
AT SEABROOK IN 1997

On Saturday, April 26, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., the Clamshell Alliance is planning a 20th anniversary civil-disobedience rally at the Seabrook site. The anniversary marks the April 30, 1977, rally attended by approximately 2,000 people when the construction site consisted of a few buildings and a large parking lot. After the governor's request to disband the next day, about 1,400 people who refused to leave were arrested and charged with trespassing. The planners of this Saturday's event, named the "Forces of Nature Sunflower Rally," have provided nonviolence training for participants and do not plan to interfere with traffic.

Protestors will assemble about 2 miles from the site and march to the normally-closed Seabrook plant south gate. The south gate is about one mile from the plant protected area where the civil disobedience demonstration will take place. NAESCO will be cooperating with local law enforcement officials in crowd control activities. The licensee has made special arrangements to escort reporters to cover the demonstration from inside the site boundary fence.

NAESCO issued, "Media Advisory on the April 26 Protest at Seabrook Station" and made an early Event Notification (32207) of the planned demonstration and their plans to implement additional security measures. Local newspapers have carried articles recalling the April 30, 1977 events.

Region I Public Affairs Office will be prepared to respond to media inquiries. The resident inspectors will be observing licensee's control of and response to this demonstration.

The State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been notified.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on April 25, 1997.

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