

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 14, 2022

Mr. John Ketchum
President and Chief Executive Officer
NextEra Energy, Inc.
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach, FL 33408

Dear Mr. Ketchum:

I write to you today to request a review following an alarm at your plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire on the morning of Tuesday, July 12, 2022. As you know, an emergency alarm was activated warning many in the vicinity that there was problem at the plant and advising them to evacuate the area. This caused chaos and left police, fire and state and local officials with few answers.

I am deeply concerned with the insufficient communication during and in the aftermath of this inadvertent alarm. I request that a full review be conducted of the reasons for the triggering of this false alarm, as well as an analysis of the breakdown in communication that occurred between the plant, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, local police and fire and local officials. While I understand that safety protocols are in place, this incident is concerning and warrants extra examination.

I know that NextEra and Seabrook Station take public safety very seriously. However, at a time when more information was needed about safety at the plant, there was limited public communication from NextEra aside from a brief statement issued several hours later, which is insufficient. I hope you will do more to reassure the public that an incident like this will not happen again and you will reach out to state and local leaders to share more information about how you will improve upon this going forward.

I look forward to hearing from you on the results of your review. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to [REDACTED] my staff at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Christopher T. Hanson, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission