

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 420

In Senate, March 11, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsor: Representative J. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Requiring an Annual Report on Safety Problems by Nuclear Power Plants.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

35 MRSA c. 269, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II

SAFETY REPORTING

§ 3341. Reporting; penalty

1. **Reports.** The operator of any nuclear electric power generating plant in the State shall report annually by March 1st to the Public Utilities Commission, with a copy sent to the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, on any unresolved safety problems at the plant. The report shall include:

A. A list and summary description of any safety-related incidents reported to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission during the previous calendar year, including a statement of the cause of the incident, its effects on human health and the environment, corrective measures which have been taken and their costs; and

B. A list and summary description of any safety-related problems, including,

but not limited to, design, construction and operation problems identified during the previous calendar year or unresolved from earlier years. The report shall include all applicable unresolved generic safety problems identified by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as well as problems identified by the operator.

For each problem identified, the report shall include the expected date and expected cost of resolution, and an assessment of the potential health and environmental consequences of any safety-related incident that could reasonably be anticipated to occur if the problem remains unsolved.

2. **Penalty.** Any person who fails to comply with this chapter is subject to sanctions as specified in Title 10, sections 201 and 202. Any person who fails to comply with this subchapter is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires annual reporting by each nuclear power plant of safety-related incidents and of safety-related design, construction or operational problems that have been discovered during the year.

The intent of this bill is to provide State Government and the people of the State with a report by which the progress of any nuclear power plant in improving its safety and the costs of safety improvements can be evaluated. It will also be helpful to the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness for emergency planning purposes.