

July 30, 2001

The Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr.
Senate of Pennsylvania
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-3031

Dear Mr. Mowery:

I am responding on behalf of the Commission to your letter of June 13, 2001, expressing concerns about a proposal by the Exelon Nuclear Corporation (Exelon) to request permission of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to move its emergency operations facility (EOF) for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1) from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to a location roughly 50 miles away in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. You stated that Exelon proposes to double the response time of emergency response team members. You requested that a public hearing be held on Exelon's proposed request.

At this time it would be premature to conduct a public hearing. Changes to emergency response facilities or an Emergency Plan, such as those you describe, require the NRC's approval. Exelon has not submitted an application for NRC approval of changes to its emergency response facility or the Emergency Plan for TMI-1.

We understand your concerns and assure you that the NRC staff will carefully consider them when reviewing any application Exelon may submit for NRC review and approval.

Sincerely,

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