

October 21, 2002

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TMI-1) EMERGENCY
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM WARNING SIRENS (TAC NO. MB6495)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

On September 11, 2002, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received an inquiry from a stakeholder detailing concerns from a resident living within a 10-mile radius of TMI-1. The concerned citizen writes, "My family and I live within the 10-mile radius of 3-Mile Island in Fairview Township, York County. We cannot hear the warning system (sirens) that sounds in case of an emergency at 3-Mile Island. I have called the Township office and they are well aware of the problem, since the Township officials also have a hard time hearing the sirens. The Township has been told (by the Company that operates 3-Mile Island) that the sirens CAN be heard by all within the 10-mile radius. I happened to be in my yard Friday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 [pm] when the sirens were being tested. The Patriot News reported that all the sirens worked, but the only thing I could hear was a very faint sound in the distance that I was intently listening for. If there is ever a true emergency, my neighbors and I would never hear those sirens in our homes..."

We request that you provide to the NRC your response to the above concerns including a brief description of the siren warning system, and its operation, the purpose, scope, and results of the September 6, 2002, siren test, and your basis for determining that the sirens can be heard by all residents within the 10-mile radius. As discussed with Mr. Hufnagel of your staff, we request your response within 7 days of the date of this letter. A copy of this letter has been faxed to Mr. Hufnagel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1402.

Sincerely,

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