

February 5, 2004

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
The Carter Center
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Dear President Carter:

As you are undoubtedly aware, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. As the agency responsible for the safety oversight of commercial nuclear power in the United States, we are engaged in several activities to commemorate this important event. In particular, we will be utilizing this occasion to emphasize the progress we have made since then, and the challenges that have shaped the agency and the nuclear power industry over the past 25 years.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is hosting our annual Regulatory Information Conference at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., and we would be honored if you could attend and participate on the panel that will be discussing the accident at Three Mile Island. The panel presentation is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. I will be chairing the panel and NRC Chairman Nils J. Diaz and Harold Denton, our former Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will also be participating.

The Regulatory Information Conference is a gathering of 1,000-plus individuals representing the nuclear industry, international nuclear regulatory bodies, public interest groups, and many other interested stakeholders in the United States. Other topics of discussion will include electric grid stability, safeguards and security, advanced reactors, and international regulatory issues. I know the attendees would be captivated by your reflections and personal anecdotes regarding your experiences during the accident. Many of the attendees, myself included, were heavily involved with TMI and its aftermath, and remember the eminent leadership and moral strength you provided to our nation during this difficult time.

Once again, it would be our privilege if you could attend the conference and participate in our panel. Should you need further information on the location of the conference, or need to make travel arrangements, please contact my office at 301-415-1700 (WDT@NRC.GOV). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chairman Diaz
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