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>> February 24, 2007
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>> Dear Editor:
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>> As we thaw out from winter's icy grip, it has became apparent how
>> much
>> work needs to be done to prepare for sudden disasters. What happened
>> last week on I-78 was the latest example of how ill prepared
>> Pennsylvania is
>> to handle an unannounced emergency. People were stranded for more
>> than
>> 24 hours in sub-freezing temperatures. How could Pennsylvania
>> have been
>> caught so off guard? Where was the Governor? Where was PEMA? Where
>> was the Lt. Governor who chairs the Pennsylvania Emergency
>> Management
>> Council?
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>> The state has had 28 years to prepare for emergencies since pre-
>> school
>> children and pregnant women were evacuated from the Three Mile
>> Island-area
>> on March 30, 1979. While improvements have been made, these kids
>> remain unaccounted for in the event of another meltdown.
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>> Katrina, this summer's flooding, and the most recent snow emergency
>> demonstrate that we are ill equipped to evacuate large populations
>> in the
>> event of a radiological emergency. If we can't get people off a
>> highway for
>> more than 24 hours due to snow and ice, how are we going to
>> evacuate an
>> entire population living in the 10 mile Emergency Planning Zone
>> around
>> a nuclear power plant?
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>> After 9/11, TMI-Alert reviewed Pennsylvania's emergency plan and
>> found day care centers and nursery schools had been left out even
>> though
>> a 1984 federal law required their inclusion. TMIA filed suit at
>> the NRC. The
>> author of the 1984 NRC law, agreed with TMIA, and filed a formal
>> complaint.
>> This 40 year nuclear veteran recommended that the NRC compel the
>> Commonwealth to include preschool children and nursery schoolers in

>> the nuclear emergency plan, or risk losing their license.
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>> The NRC denied TMIA's request that the NRC enforce its own law.
>> Governor Rendell, PEMA, and the nuclear industry continue to
>> argue that it
>> is not their responsibility to help these kids get out of harm's way.
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>> Playing a nuclear shell game with children is not emergency
>> planning.
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>> Sincerely,
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>> Three Mile Island Alert, Inc., is a safe-energy organization
>> based in Harrisburg,
>> Pennsylvania and founded in 1977. TMIA monitors Peach Bottom,
>> Susquehanna,
>> and Three Mile Island nuclear generating stations.
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