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Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM JAMES R. SUTTON DATED MARCH 23, 1989 REGARDING THREE
MILE ISLAND WARNING SIREN

During the 348th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, April 6-8, 1989, we considered the attached letter dated March 23, 1989, from Mr. James R. Sutton, who lives in the vicinity of the Three Mile Island plant. Mr. Sutton expressed concern about the unexplained actuation of a siren near his home and the subsequent failure of the emergency information network to provide him with an understanding of the meaning of the siren warning.

Events of the type described in Mr. Sutton's letter reflect poorly on the industry's emergency planning efforts. This appears to us to be a matter that the staff, in conjunction with the utility, should investigate and take appropriate corrective action. In addition, a timely explanation should be provided to Mr. Sutton.

We wish to be kept informed on the progress made in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Forrest J. Remick
Chairman

Attachment:

Letter dated March 23, 1989, from James R. Sutton, York, Pennsylvania, to Forrest Remick, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subject: Three Mile Island Warning Siren

cc: The Honorable John Heinz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable William Goodling
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
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The Honorable Robert P. Casey
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