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Joseph N. Hendrie, Chairman
Victor Gilinsky, Commissioner
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Peter A. Bradford, Commissioner
John P. Ahern, Commissioner
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct full public hearings in San Luis Obispo, California on the lessons learned at Three Mile Island as they pertain to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

We would like the Commission to issue an Order and Notice of Hearing specifying procedures for proceeding to consider these issues and inviting public participation. The residents of San Luis Obispo County must be given the opportunity of listening to the findings of the investigations of the TMI incident and must be allowed the opportunity for input.

One of the problem areas that arose at TMI was in emergency planning. Our League responded to the NRC's questions concerning regulations to be adopted for nuclear emergency plans (see enclosure). After studying our County's emergency plans, we concluded that an effective plan should be proven operational and that NRC concurrence with local and State plans should precede licensing.

The League of Women Voters of California, in April, 1979, unanimously passed a resolution calling for a full investigation of TMI and prompt public disclosure of the findings. TMI has raised new issues which are being investigated by the NRC as well as the President's Commission and Congressional committees. It would be prudent to postpone the ongoing Diablo Canyon licensing proceedings and provide the local public an opportunity to be informed of and participate in the resolution of all new issues raised not only by the NRC staff but by the other ongoing investigations as well. (We refer to our previous letters of May 30 and September 29.) Thank you.

Sincerely,

Helen Carr, President

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