

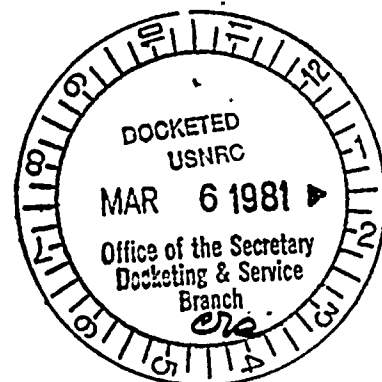
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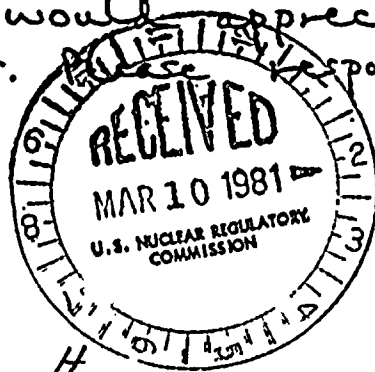


Dear Mr. Ahearne:

I am disturbed by reports that the NRC will issue no new operating licenses during 1981. Is this true? If so, why?

I understand that several plants (Three Mile Island - Unit 1 and Diablo Canyon - Units 1 & 2) are only waiting for permission to operate. What are the reasons for delay in operation for these plants? How much longer will it be before they are in operation? How much additional foreign oil is being consumed while these plants are idle? What is the cost to the ratepayers?

I would appreciate answers to these questions. Please respond as soon as possible.



Sincerely,
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