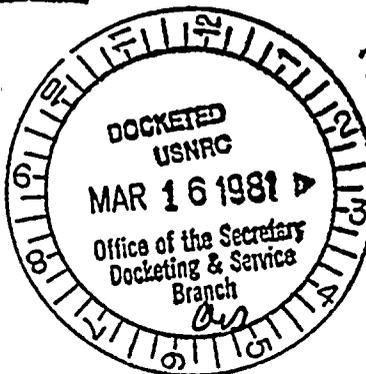


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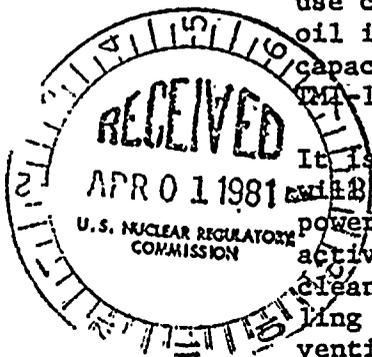
Dear Dr. Hendrie:

It was a delight to watch your interview this morning on GMA and hear your realistic projections for advancing with nuclear power, waste disposal, etc.

It is simply a disgrace that TMI-1 and Diablo Canyon are not on line. Three gigawatts of safe, clean nuclear energy are idle while foreign oil is imported to generate the needed electricity that could be produced by these completed plants.

This costs the power users in Pennsylvania an extra \$12-14 million each month, while we California electricity users pay an additional \$2 million PER DAY for replacement power and another \$½ million PER DAY on interest charges. More than 20 million barrels of foreign oil can be replaced each year by the operation of the completed two gigawatt Diablo Canyon nuclear power plants.

TMI-1, the undamaged nuclear plant in Pennsylvania, has been upgraded and is ready to produce electricity. The utilities that sell replacement power to MetEd while TMI-1 is shut down, use coal, nuclear and oil to generate the electricity. Since oil is the most expensive, it is used to produce the excess capacity to fulfill the energy needs in central Pennsylvania. TMI-1 should definitely be restarted ASAP.



It is great that you are again heading the NRC and I hope you will continue to push for licensing of these completed nuclear power plants. It is very disgusting that so-called "consumer" activist intervenors have delayed the progress of cheap, safe, clean nuclear power in this country. It is particularly galling to learn that we taxpayers have funded much of this intervention in behalf of anti-nuclear and Naderite organizations. The attached commentaries may be of interest in this regard.

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