

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 24, 1979

TO: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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FROM: Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senator

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

YOUR FINDINGS AND VIEWS, IN DUPLICATE, ALONG WITH
RETURN OF THIS MEMO PLUS ENCLOSURE, WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Many thanks.

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October 16, 1979

Senator Richard S. Schweiker
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Dear Senator Schweiker:

We have been reading lately about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's current practices of limiting public input to the proceedings of the legal intervenors. In our case this would be concerning the issue of Pennsylvania Power & Light's Berwick plant now under construction.

In light of the dangers that have been brought to light since TMI, we are alarmed that this regulatory agency is not responding to the needs of the public but to the needs of the utility.

There are three items we are concerned about:

1. That PP&L is attempting to swamp the intervenors with a work load that would prohibit them from continuing in the proceedings. The intervenors have asked the NRC for a protective order, but the board issued a protective order to PP&L but ordered the intervenors to respond within 14 days. This is ridiculous.
2. The NRC recently announced its plans to begin limiting the number of free copies it issues of its orders, decisions, etc. We believe this is an attempt to cut off the information flow to the public.
3. The NRC has begun denying requests by the intervenors for publications necessary for them to present their cases.

We are against nuclear power, but we believe in the legal process of these proceedings. We are alarmed to think of what else may happen if this regulatory commission continues to ignore and constantly harass legal efforts by public intervenors in these proceedings.

We ask that you please look into these items for us.

Sincerely,

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