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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

The recent events at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Powerplant have brought more clearly into focus some strident questions about the nuclear safety issue--an issue which I know is one of your strongest concerns. You are to be commended on your initiatives in overseeing the occurrences at this plant, and for becoming the definitive voice which brought the facts to the public. It now seems apparent, however, that it is imperative that the NRC continue to be the official spokesman and ombudsman for all plants throughout the country. This action will of course require the full cooperation of the individual states and local governments; specific guidelines for each plant; and a comprehensive and continuous monitoring system by NRC officials.

It is my understanding that as a consequence of the Three Mile Island incident, the NRC has undertaken an emergency plan to evaluate all nuclear powerplants. I would appreciate your advising me when such a review will be completed.

It is my further understanding that because of its history, the NRC already has under review the Turkey Point Nuclear Powerplant, located in my Congressional District. I would also appreciate being advised when this study will be completed, what the results are, and if any changes are foreseen in the Commission's approach to investigating these matters in light of Three Mile Island. Moreover, I trust that the NRC is considering the review of its own standards to determine the safety of these plants. I would also like to know if such a review is anticipated so that safety precautions can be met.

Sincerely,

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