

April 26, 1979

Dr. Harold Denton
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Denton;

As a resident of the Harrisburg, Pa. area, I wanted to write to commend you on your handling of the recent situation at Three Mile Island.

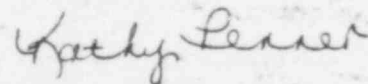
As I am sure you must have been under quite a strain, you took charge of the episode calmly and with authority.

I am 20 years old and certainly far from an expert on nuclear technology, yet I have always felt the need to explore more deeply into the long term effects of low level radiation and the disposal of nuclear wastes before going on with more nuclear power plants. As I am informed that nuclear power only supplies 13% of our power, I think we could get along. Yet, this is only my personal opinion.

If we must continue to depend on nuclear power, I am at least somewhat reassured to know that there is a man such as you on the NRC. During the first weekend of the crisis, I myself left town to visit friends, yet my parents stayed. We live approximately 20 miles from the plant.

Again, I extend my personal gratitude for your presence at Three Mile Island.

Sincerely,



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