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Mr. Carlton Kammerer,
Director
Office of Congressional Relations
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

I have been contacted by my constituent, Mr. Robert Bressler, who has posed some technical questions concerning the possible dumping of water containing low-level radioactive waste into the Susquehanna River from the Three Mile Island nuclear site. I believe that the technical experts at the NRC are best qualified to answer the following questions:

1. Why must the water be removed at all?
2. Is fission still occurring in the water containing radioactive waste and is the amount of waste water, therefore, continuing to increase? If the amount of water is not increasing, can the level of the waste water be considered stable?
3. What other options have been considered? Specifically, has the option of storing the waste water in stainless steel tanks or pumping it into the containment facility at Three Mile Island Number 1 been considered?
4. How do NRC experts know that they are conducting tests for the right isotopes. Are all radioactive isotopes being tested for and especially are tests being conducted for plutonium contamination?
5. What isotopes are being taken out of the water and what procedure is being employed to remove them?
6. What kind of continuing monitoring device or procedures will be installed to ensure that any water put into the Susquehanna is safe?

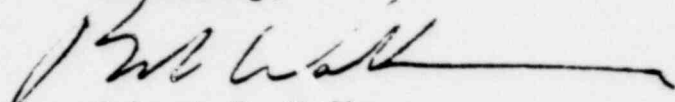
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I will appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to receiving your response.

Cordially,

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Robert S. Walker

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