



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

October 29, 1979

The Honorable Neil E. Goldschmidt  
Secretary of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In a recent letter (attached) Governor Ella Grasso of Connecticut requested that I contact you regarding highway signs which could be used in the event of an evacuation resulting from an accident at a nuclear power plant. She asks me to recommend to you that you have representatives of DOT talk with Commissioner Powers of the Connecticut Department of Transportation about providing such signs. I would therefore appreciate it if you would honor her request. This recommendation from us is being made through our lead agency role in providing guidance and assistance to State and local governments in radiological emergency response planning. DOT is a participant in this program.

Sincerely,

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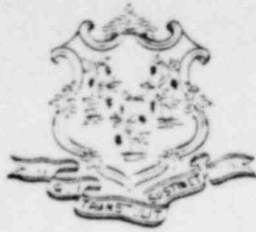
Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman

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ELLA GRASSO  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HARTFORD

July 19, 1979

Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I am concerned for the citizens of Connecticut regarding certain matters involved with radiological emergency response planning.

We have been advised that NRC is the lead agency so we look for your assistance in these matters.

1. Your Commission and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare cooperated to produce a thyroid blocking drug in the event of a major release at Three Mile Island. We understand that 250,000 doses of the drug were produced in the liquid form at no cost to Pennsylvania. It appears to us that waiting for an accident to occur before producing an urgently needed prophylactic drug hardly seems prudent. I am, therefore, asking that you and Mr. Califano advise me of your actions to make a thyroid blocking drug available to us for the following uses:
  - A. Institutionalized citizens
  - B. Emergency workers
  - C. The general public

I would be happy to work with other New England Governors in making recommendation as to the number of total stockpiled doses we could use.

2. As a result of our planning, we have a need for appropriate highway signs designating evacuation routes, contaminated areas, etc. I would appreciate your recommending to the U. S. Transportation Department that they work with Commissioner Powers of the Connecticut Department of Transportation to provide needed highway signs.
3. Our state has taken advantage of training provided by your Commission. Now, I am concerned with keeping this trained staff current. Therefore, I would like to know what refresher training will be available for state emergency response personnel?
4. We are concerned with other nearby nuclear reactors close to our borders. It is my suggestion that you use your good offices to have meetings of contiguous states to aid us in communicating our mutual concerns and to assure that we will share our emergency resources in the event of an accident. We note that the incident classes and notification systems vary with our neighbors and we feel this could cause real problems in an emergency situation.

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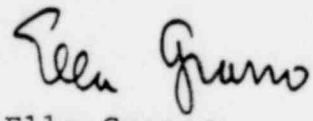
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- 5. I am anxious to know of your concerns in addressing the media during an accident and also in working with both state and local governments that will guarantee us that Connecticut will be better prepared as a result of lessons learned at Three Mile Island.
- 6. As you know, we in Connecticut have both utility power reactors and military reactors as well as fuel rod production facilities. We are anxious to protect our citizens in the event of any problem large or small. We have both expertise and a will to develop comprehensive plans, but we do need guidance and assistance to tie our resources together. I am still concerned about our ability to handle a nuclear crisis. The offsite monitoring requirements alone with the demand for instruments, communications, analysis and display seem awesome.

In conclusion, I am hoping you will share my concerns and work with us to keep our state ready to handle any or all nuclear crises. I, in turn, pledge my cooperation and agency assistance to upgrade our present plan.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



Ella Grasso  
Governor

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