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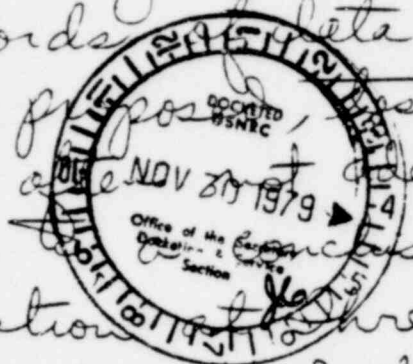
The Three Mile Island Accident - Is it a Disaster but no Extraordinary Nuclear Occurrence?

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It doesn't require very much reading of the various records of data, operator actions, procedures proposed, tests run, questions asked and adequately answered, to come to the conclusion that there was a determination at Three Mile Island to deny, down-play, and otherwise avoid the seriousness of the situation, especially with regard to possible evacuation of nearby residents. Involved in these early decisions were not only Met-Ed, but also NRC personnel, derelict in their presumed role of protecting public health and safety, in the opinion of a large part of the area's citizens.



Let me emphasize that my major concern is for those full-time residents of the immediate area to Three Mile Island who have suffered most stress and will not be able to fully relax until that great radioactive mess of Unit 2 is

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Finally decontaminated. My family has been fortunate in being able to alleviate some of our stress by purchase of real estate elsewhere, and by living part-time in a new home with built-in "quiet noise" of air circulation, whether air-cooled or heated. At a time when we most needed the peace and quiet of an island refuge, it's the one place we most had to avoid. (Reference to Lot 22B, Beech Island).

Many families have already lost very real money in evacuation expenses, ~~lost~~ salary, medical bills, and their homes (large or small, old or new) are now either greatly diminished in value, or essentially non-saleable!

In my efforts to help rectify what I perceive as unbelievable indifference to the plight of our area's citizenry I have read a good deal about disasters as such, their mitigation, and after-effects. Have you? To recognize the situation from sociological and psychological research papers, as being "where we're at" is disquieting, and recognizing one's own health problems, otherwise mysterious, as quite likely radiation-caused, in years past, makes one only cautiously optimistic about the future.

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