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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We submit herewith the seventeenth report on abnormal occurrences at licensed nuclear facilities, as required by Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (PL 93-438), for the second calendar quarter of 1979.

In the context of the Act, an abnormal occurrence is an unscheduled incident or event which the Commission determines is significant from the standpoint of public health or safety. These incidents or events, including any submitted by the Agreement States, are as follows:

1. There were three abnormal occurrences at the 70 nuclear power plants licensed to operate. One involved an indication of low water level in a boiling water reactor, the second involved damage to new fuel assemblies, and the third involved deficient procedures.
2. There were no abnormal occurrences at fuel cycle facilities (other than nuclear power plants).
3. There were no abnormal occurrences at other licensee facilities.
4. There were two abnormal occurrences reported by the Agreement States. One involved releases of tritium and contamination of food and the second involved overexposures from a radiography source.

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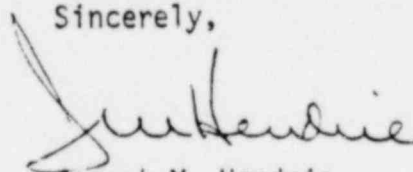
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This report also contains information updating previously reported abnormal occurrences, including an update on the Nuclear Accident at Three Mile Island.

In addition to this report, we will continue to disseminate information on reportable events. These event reports are routinely distributed on a timely basis to the Congress, industry and the general public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Hendrie".

Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman

Enclosure:
Report to Congress
on Abnormal Occurrences

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