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NOTE TO: R. C. DeYoung, Director, DSE
FROM: M. L. Ernst, AD/ET, DSE
SUBJECT: COST-BENEFIT ISSUES RE: TMI

I asked Miller Spangler to put down some thoughts regarding the possible effects of TMI on our cost-benefit work. He did so (enclosed). My first reaction is that, considering the low probability of such an accident, the actual statistical impact of TMI on these issues will be small. However, the psychic impacts could be substantially bigger. Also, these will all be ripe issues for contention at hearings, which will likely result in a substantial manpower and dollar cost to treat subjects like this in EIS's and in contentions.

Perhaps we should meet on this subject.

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