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Ms. Annette Daum Religous Action Consultant Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Ms. Daum:

Your letter of July 5, 1979, to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, enclosing a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has been referred to me. Item 6 of that resolution concerns nuclear power.

As a result of the accident at Three Mile Is'and, task forces have been established within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to (1) give direct support to Three Mile Island on such matters as core cooling, cleanup and recovery operations, (2) review responses by electric utilities to NPC orders and bulletins, (3) identify, analyze, and recommend changes in licensing requirements and in the licensing process based on lessons learned from Three Mile Island, (4) assure the continued safe operation of operating plants, and (5) complete work on unresolved safety issues. The result will be new or revised NRC regulations concerning such matters as the training of operators, operating procedures, emergency planning, instrumentation, and design. Priority is being given to plants that the NRC has ordered to shut down, plants that are operating, and plants that are near to being ready for operations. New requirements will also apply to other plants under construction, where there is more time available for making changes.

We assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

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Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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