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Mr. D.F. Bunch
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Dear Mr. Bunch:

Thanks for your letter of May 23, 1979.

We appreciate the NRC Staff's comments on our paper, and will consider them carefully when we prepare for final publication. To do so effectively, we'd appreciate the following information:

1. Your comments on pages 2 and 9 are partially illegible. May we have another xerox of these? The same is true of pages 7, 8 and 12 of the Blond-Aldrich comments. May we also have copies of those?
2. Reference is made to "NOAA tests" in your comments (p. 9). May we have a reference to the published work?
3. We recognize there are sharp differences of opinion between us concerning past AEC-NRC siting policy (cf. p. 25). Is your position based on your own paper and demographic analysis, or are there other historical summaries about which we should be aware? Is the marginal comment (p. 25) about "selective presentation" of data based on your paper?
4. Mr. Sofer's comments refer to an "already large body of published literature" not taken account of in our analysis. To benefit from his comment, we would like a brief list of the references which he has in mind.
5. Our colleague N.C. Rasmussen has recently called our attention to a Sandia report by Aldrich et al. (evidently a summary of thesis work). Are the Blond-Aldrich comments based on that report, or are there also others recently released?
6. The Blond-Aldrich comments evidently refer (p. 7) to "Martin's summary ... evacuations." May we have a copy or a reference?
7. On page 10 of the Blond-Aldrich comments a "NO!" implies evacuation to 25 miles was not planned at Three Mile Island. May we have an explanation?

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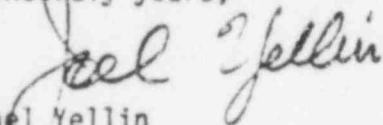
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8. We cannot read the Blond-Aldrich comments following note 34 on page R3 and note 19 on page R2.

We would appreciate a quick reply to this letter in order to take full advantage of your comments.

Sincerely yours,



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