

Office of Treasurer

Insurance Commissioner STATE OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE 32304

April 9, 1979

Mr. Joseph Hendrie Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Bill Ganler

FIRE MARSHAL

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the wake of a near disaster at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant recently, we in Florida are once more made aware of the dangers inherent the seepage of radioactive gases into our environment.

The nuclear power plants here in Florida are in great proximity to our major population and tourist centers, and any type of accident could do irreparable damage to the majority of our citizens and the economic base of our State.

As a statewide elected official of Florida, I urge you to exercise constant surveillance over the operations of our three nuclear power plants and to carefully review the components of each for safety and our collective security. Further, let's take advantage of a concerned nation to educate our public in the complete facts surrounding nuclear power.

Sincerely,

Bill Gunter State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner

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cc: Honorable Bob Graham Governor, State of Florida

> Mr. Jake Varn, Secretary Florida Dept. of Environmental Regulation

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