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JOSEPH M HENDRIE, CHAIRMAN US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON DC 20555

WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE 3 MILE ISLAND REACTOR ACCIDENT FOR OUR DISTRICTS IF THE REACTOR SHOULD EXPLODE OR MELT DOWN, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND MAY REMAIN A DANGER FOR DAYS OR WEEKS TO COME.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NRC HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROJECT HYPOTHETICAL ACCIDENT CONSEQUENCES BY COMPUTER, AND THAT YOU WILL ALREADY BE RUNNING CONSEQUENCE PROGRAMS FOR VARIOUS POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF THE 3 MILE ISLAND ACCIDENT UNDER CURRENT AND PREDICTED WEATHER CONDITIONS.

WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM US GENERALLY WHAT RADIATION DISPERSION PATTERNS WOULD BE EXPECTED SHOULD A) AN EXPLOSION B) A MELT DOWN, OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS, AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE RISKS TO NEW YORK CITY, IF ANY, WOULD BE, AND THAT YOUR OFFICE BE PREPARED TO UPDATE THIS INFORMATION SHOULD THE CRISIS CONTINUE, OR UNTIL THE REACTOR IS CONFIRMED TO BE IN A COLD SHUT DOWN STATE.

PLEASE RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICES OF EITHER CONGRESSMAN WEISS OR CONGRESSMAN RANGEL.

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APR 9. 1213

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