



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Harrison Williams
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Williams:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1979 requesting information on behalf of Mr. Harry Beskind concerning the health effects of the accident at Three Mile Island.

I am enclosing for Mr. Beskind a copy of a preliminary assessment of the population dose and health effects of the accident at TMI prepared by an interagency group composed of NRC, EPA and HEW health physicists. The report addresses a number of the specific questions raised by Dr. Beskind concerning the release and distribution of iodine-131.

It is our understanding that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the State of Pennsylvania will conduct extensive studies of the health effects of the accident at TMI. An additional study, to be undertaken with the NRC, will examine the health effects of workers at the TMI plant. You might wish to contact HEW directly concerning their plans for studying the health effects of the accident.

I hope that this information is helpful in responding to Dr. Beskind's inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlton Kammerer".

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

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