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Commissioners
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. - 20555

Re: Three Mile Island Water Storage

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Lancaster, which this firm represents in litigation presently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, I have been asked to bring to your attention the substance of the letter forwarded by Mayor Albert B. Wohlsen, Jr. to Mr. Richard Vollmer on October 2, 1979 relating to water storage questions at Three Mile Island. As Mayor Wohlsen advised Mr. Vollmer, the City has reviewed Mr. Robert Arnold's October 1 letter to Mr. Vollmer on water storage at Three Mile Island, and is very concerned that Metropolitan Edison Company is improperly trying to pressure the Nuclear Regulatory Commission into approving the use of EPICOR II before thorough environmental reviews.

The leakage, which has never been explained to the City or to its Council, has existed for six months. Met Ed readily could have built additional shielded storage months ago but decided not to do so. Now Met Ed claims vague "unacceptable radiological consequences" if the use of EPICOR II is not begun hastily. The City of Lancaster strongly urges you not to be influenced by this aura of crisis created by Met Ed to cover up its desire to use EPICOR II rather than store water which is accumulating.

We have been somewhat reassured by Mr. Vollmer's recent public statements and by statements issued by the Commission that there is indeed no crisis with regard to storage, and that the water can be safely stored in Unit 1 or in other tanks.

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As you know, the City of Lancaster cannot accept the processing of TMI wastewater before a full environmental review of all processing and disposal alternatives.

Yours sincerely,


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