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

July 20, 1979

Docket No.: 50-289

Ms. Judith H. Johnsrud
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Dear Ms. Johnsrud:

This is in response to your June 29, 1979, request on behalf of the Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power filed under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations to initiate a show cause proceeding to revoke permanently the operating license for Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1.

As you may be aware, since the date of your request, the Commission on July 2, 1979, issued an Order that TMI-1 remain in its presently shutdown condition until further order of the Commission itself. The July 2, 1979, Order provides for a hearing to precede any restart of the facility. At that hearing it will be determined whether there is reasonable assurance that the facility can be operated without endangering the health and safety of the public. Accordingly, it is premature at this time to consider further your precise request for permanent revocation of the TMI-1 license. However, should you desire to pursue this matter you might consider submitting a petition to intervene in the hearing ordered by the Commission. The procedures to govern that hearing will be specified within 30 days of the July 2, 1979 Order.

A copy of this decision will be placed in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and the local public document room for the TMI-1 facility at Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1601 (Education Building), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126. A copy of this decision will also be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for its review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c) of the Commission's regulations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, this decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 20 days after the date of issuance, unless the Commission on its own motion institutes review of this decision within that time.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
July 2 Commission Order

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