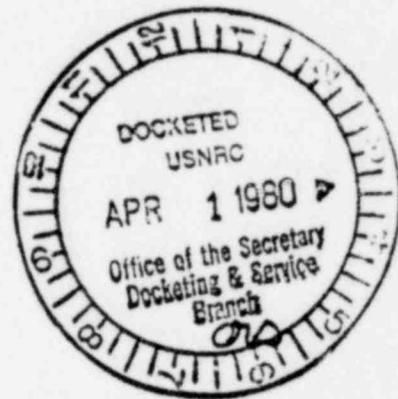


I wish to have this statement entered as part of the Fre (NRC) hearings (Nov 1979 Hershey/Hbg) record. I believe you have probably heard a enough of statements about anxiety, loss of sleep fear, negligence etc. which I do not dispute in fact I wholeheartedly support such statements but, I wish to approach from a different angle. This statement was originally composed for oral delivery so please excuse.



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My question-and I do not expect, or want, a verbal answer-I would just ask that you reconsider or at least give serious consideration. Morally, what makes you more qualified than me/us-- to decide if we should continue to be served by this menace? and if I am indeed suffering psychological duress or unneeded stress? Should this plant be reopened-for my own good-emminent domain- whatever. Please do not hide behind law books, executive order or "that just the way it is buddy"-Without any protection- just as a fellow human being-I would not want that burden but you should think about it if you indeed are going to make the choice.

I am afraid a fair amount of the statements you have heard- you may decide-were about the first (and ongoing) accident and therefore no reason to not open a "healthy" (very loose term) reactor. I hope you will be able to at least partially understand what a social /emotional/economic albatross that plant is - EVEN UNOPENED. I have decided that the feeling in the pit of your gut will not match ours, until you're living and working in seeing/driving distance-your panel falls short at this point-- you are not: probably were never; and I would venture to say will never live in this area. If you allow this action to continue to go forward because you feel this area should suffer for the rest of the nation, because this would serve some public good which you feel somehow qualified to judge, then you are telling me that my life is worth less, than that of a resident of Queens+ Philly+D.C. (as covered by an earlier speaker) and my vote does not matter. Please try to walk a mile in our shoes: this not a #'s charts or formulas decision. To me oppressive taxation and appalling governmental deficit spending take a back seat to this type issue, that I believe is one of "Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" at least for the residents of Central Pa and that is the cornerstone of this great country's constitution. I do not feel any of you are in a better position than I to decide my fate. I also don't believe you can give me specific persons to vote in or out of office to affect your decision and if you could it would not be in time. I don't need to ask-Where is "Gov. by and of the people." I can see Gov. for the people all through these proceedings what I would like to see is Gov. by and of the people not Gov. for the people, by Met-Eq, Of the NRC, - just so NRC, big business and big gov. can save face and make and keep the "bottom line" growing.

I dread the day-and this comes from deeper than anything else I may say-When my son. (who is 11 mos. old) gets older and puts 1 and 2 together and asks me-if and why we stayed put during this nightmare. (You are correct in interpreting this as another source of stress). To be honest I will have to tell him that I was too stubborn, till it was too late. Too stubborn to leave an area I love and, at that time, naive enough to accept the lack of information and the misinformation. In our position we become laboratory animals who have chosen the wrong door (of punishment/torture) and have no direct effect-and can see no relationship between ~~and~~ legal actions we could possibly take and the eventual outcome of this situation. This a classic textbook example of stress!

On one hand we have Met. Ed. & NRC telling U.S. - Nuclear accidents of this class are once in millions. In reality we seem to have it at least once in 25yrs. roughly-but using only TMI-base your odds on 2 reactors (operating for 10yrs till first accidents) with 20 yrs each left of useful life, and you most agree the odds call for 2 more accidents-now if the odds were only 1/2 right (and you are the lovers of figures & statistics) there should be at least one more nuclear accident and that's if only 1/2 right and there are no whole new problems discovered and if the odds err on the side of "good". Further more if this argument is to be addressed to the "healthy" reactor-and your comment is that "there are differences, they are not the same. I submit that all those differences are different det-erimental possibilitys and experience has shown vividly that backup systems cannot be relied on until tested under crisis/ stress type situations with human actors. We have had enough tests. We have seen the irresponsible way NRC & Met. Ed & it's employees have reacted all during the recent emergency situation. I am not saying that I am one bit better. I am saying we are all human and no other human has the right to gamble with me or (assuming the unthinkable) my life or my liberty & pursuit of happiness assuming even normal operations.

And if you also believe in life, liberty, and the jpursuit of happiness and in Majority Rule, What do you use for justification for not allowing a popular vote? If you and your boss on the hill believe nuclear power is over rides these concepts then set up a plant on the Potomac and a couple more in Plains.

The only argument in favor of opening that I have heard that made any warped kind of sense is a monetary one. Closing TMI will mean additional cost. C'est La Vie-what will we have lost? Look at the cost we have now because of it's operation I will also say with many of my neighbors (whose number I have lost count of) that though I consider myself a God fearing, law abiding citizens. If you allow that plant to be opened you will have kicked over the scales of common sense, law and order and you may as well have raped the statue of liberty and appointed Leonid Brezhnev, cheif of DOE. When the plant opens I believe it will take something close to marshall law to control the people of this area because these people will try to get the decision they want, one way or another. I will be among those willing to do what I feel necessary beyond this prehearing to help make that decision.

I need (what ever small justification it maybe) to be able to tell my son that I took all action available to me and then hope and pray he understands accepts that and forgives past failures in this area/ I also pray that if these actions achieve no good-that our faith in America & democracy will not be so crushed-that we will not be standing up, and pointing out, the shameful slavery to big business and big government that we are enduring. I believe both, are truly in an era of "Blind Ambition".

But, I believe the people are not fooled, and if given the chance to decide the issue. All political partys, generations, and races of this area-with one voice and much sincerity-will be heard above the rest, and that voice will be saying- Close TMI to Nuclear Folly FOREVER.