



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

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Docket No. 50-239

Mr. & Mrs. John S. Southwick  
649 Ellen Place  
Oradell, New Jersey 07649

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Southwick:

I am writing in response to your letter to President Carter concerning the delay in placing Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, back into service.

As you may be aware, the NRC has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether the facility should be operated and, if so, under what conditions. The public hearing is scheduled to begin this fall. During the hearing, the technical issues appropriate to assure public health and safety will be addressed. The NRC staff is currently involved in the ongoing review of technical information concerning the restart of Unit 1. Based upon the current status of the proceedings, the development of a record on which the Commission can make a decision regarding restart is not expected before the early part of 1981.

While the NRC is, of course, concerned about financial impacts on consumers and licensees, the NRC's primary responsibility is the assurance of public health and safety.

Your comments and interest in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Reid".

Robert W. Reid, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #4  
Division of Licensing

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*S. Southwick*

649 Ellen Place  
Oradell, N.J. 07649  
March 2, 1980

The President of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are outraged by the deliberate foot-dragging evidenced by the NRC in reaching a decision regarding the re-start of Three Mile Island, Unit I. And, please believe, this outrage is compounded by the fact that your office is apparently willing to permit this farce to continue month after month. It is absurd that in the face of government imposed symbolic fuel saving ploys such as the 55 mph speed limit and 65 degree building temperature this body cannot find the political courage to give the green light to the use of an existing source of power that would save thousands of barrels of imported oil a year.

As for safety, wouldn't it be nice if all the various and sundry types of sophisticated equipment upon which we depend to operate and maintain our present day civilization had fail-safe records to equal that demonstrated by nuclear plants.

Sincerely,

*J. S. Southwick*  
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(Mrs.) F.P. Southwick

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The Hon. Brendan T. Byrne  
The Hon. William Bradley  
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The Hon. Andrew Maguire