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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the NRC staff Environmental Assessment of the Use of EPICOR-II at Three Mile Island, Unit II, I would like to provide my comments as U.S. Representative for the 16th District of Pennsylvania.

I believe that officials of the City of Lancaster, with whom I concur, have provided you with a detailed and comprehensive analysis of the many serious issues involved. At this time, I would like to focus on the NRC staff's failure to speak to the questions of the EPICOR-II system's ability to properly dispose of tritium.

The potential threat to the health and well-being of the people of south central Pennsylvania from the tritium contained in the water to be processed by EPICOR-II could prove to be considerably high. Further, it is my view that the potential problems posed by the presence of this tritium have not been adequately analyzed and that additional study is required before an appropriate decision on the advisability of using the EPICOR II system can be made.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

Robert S. Walker