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BRADFORD, KENNEDY  
US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 20555  
SIRS:

I RESPECTFULLY PETITION THAT THE WATER IN THE THREE MILE ISLAND NO. 2  
NUCLEAR REACTOR SPILL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL AND UNLESS ALL QUESTIONS  
ABOUT ITS FINAL DISPOSAL ARE ANSWERED TO THE PUBLIC ACCEPTABLY. DO NOT  
INCREASE THE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC BY TRANSPORTING THIS LETHAL MASS.

MARVIN I. LEWIS, R.P.E.  
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8-2-79.

Senator Schweiker

Dear Senator:

Thank you for the quick action which you did on the 4000 gallon unannounced dump of radioactive water at Three Mile Island. However, the important questions are still not answered.

The questions are

1. Can we stop future dumping? 215 CH 9 5964
2. Since the dirtiest water from a wash is the first water out, how can the testing of the remaining water estimate any other than the minimum contamination of the 4000 gallons already out? 934 6685
3. From some health effects (defined as premature deaths of beings by the NRC) can we expect from this 4000 gallon dump?
4. How can we get responsible and responsive people in the regulatory bodies? Examples: Chman Hendrie objections to the 1st Amendment reported in the Press and Nucleonics Week. Karl Abraham of the NRC King of Prussia office of NRC repeatedly telling me that MET ED will not dump. (My letter on water dumping to Jimmy Carter on 6-27-79.)
5. The latest figure for the contaminated water in Three Mile Island #2 is 200 rems per hour and 800,000 gallons. It will have to be dumped soon. At 8 feet, there are electrical penetrations which should not be flooded. That is an emergency situation. The water is over 7 feet and increasing 1/2 inch per week. We are only a few weeks from an emergency situation where Met Ed must be given the go ahead to dump!

HELP!

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# Spillage is feared at 3 Mile Reactor-line leak is filling tanks

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By Tom Raum  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A hard-to-repair leak at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant is hindering cleanup operations and may cause a spillage of radioactive wastes, Senate investigators said yesterday.

The staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contended, however, that the radioactive water at the crippled plant will not be allowed to overflow.

The leak is in a line from the reactor core. It is letting highly radioactive water into the reactor's containment building, adding to the volume of wastes present there and subsequently triggering pumps that move it into storage tanks in the auxiliary buildings. Those tanks are rapidly filling up and, according to Senate investigators, are in danger of releasing the waste water into the environment.

Additionally, because of the loss of water from the reactor core, operators are having to pump more water in, adding to the total volume in the reactor's facilities.

Nearly 1 million gallons of highly radioactive water are already stored at the plant, which is on the Susquehanna River 10 miles south of Harrisburg.

In a letter to NRC Chairman Joseph Hendrie, members of the Senate nuclear regulation subcommittee said they had obtained information that tanks used for storage of the radioactive waste are fast reaching their capacities.

"Contaminated water from the damaged plant will exceed storage capacity within 30 days and be released into the environment unless steps are taken soon to clean it up and to find additional means to store it," the panel said. Most of the information gathered by the investigators came from interviews with NRC regulators and officials, the subcommittee said.

Sen. Gerry Hart (D., Colo.), chairman of the subcommittee, called the buildup of radioactive water "potentially very serious" and said that his panel would hold hearings Tuesday on the matter.

In a statement officials of Metropolitan Edison, the company that operates the Three Mile Island facility, said that the subcommittee's concern showed the need to begin use of a facility designed to decontaminate

(See WATER on 2A)

# Spillage is feared at 3 Mile Island

**WATER** From 1-A about 350,000 gallons of the radioactive water. They said that the water-processing facility has already been constructed and needs only NRC approval to begin operation.

At a hastily called meeting yesterday afternoon, the NRC staff said the radioactive water could be shunted from the tanks at the Unit Two reactor to tanks at the Unit One reactor. It was the Unit Two reactor that was involved in the Three Mile Island accident March 28, the most serious in the 25-year history of commercial atomic power. The Unit One reactor, which was shut down at the time of

the accident, also remains closed during the cleanup of Unit Two.

The NRC staff confirmed that radioactive water may fill the Unit Two tanks to capacity in about a month, but it said that it would take as long as a year to fill the now uncontaminated tanks at Unit One.

In its letter, the Senate panel, which has been investigating the March accident, asked Hendrie what the NRC planned to do about the leak and the accumulating radioactive water.

"Currently, there are more than a million gallons of contaminated water stored at the site and the vol-

ume is increasing due to a leak in the letdown line drawing cooling water from the nuclear core of the reactor," the senators told Hendrie.

"We are advised that this leak cannot be repaired because of high radiation in the containment building where the reactor is located," their letter said.

Reactor operators hoped to keep the contaminated water inside the reactor containment until they determined how to dispose of it safely.

The subcommittee called on the NRC to describe "what planning is being done by the NRC in connection to respond to any future contingency at

the Three Mile Island site related to management of these highly radioactive wastes."

The NRC's director of nuclear reactor regulation, Harold Denton, was quoted by the senators as saying that as long as radioactive water remained in the reactor containment structure, it might find "sneak paths" to the outside.

Hart's letter was signed by the other members of the subcommittee as well as by Sens. Jennings Randolph (D., W.Va.), chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Howard H. Baker Jr. (R., Tenn.), minority leader.



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

September 12, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard H. Vollmer, Director  
Three Mile Island-2 Support

FROM: Leon B. Engle, Project Manager  
DPM/B&O Task Force/TMI Task Force

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES SERVICE CORPORATION  
AND METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY - SEPTEMBER 24, 1979, TO  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1979. EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR THREE MILE  
ISLAND, UNIT 1 (TMI-1)

DATE/TIME: Monday, September 24, 1979, to Friday, September 28, 1979  
10:00 A.M. each day

PLACE: Three Mile Island Site, Middletown, Pennsylvania

PURPOSE: To discuss emergency planning for TMI-1 in accordance with  
the NRC Action Plan for Upgrading Emergency Planning at  
Licensed Facilities

PARTICIPANTS: Met Ed/GPU NRC  
A. Tsaggeris, et al J. Roe, et al

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Individuals or groups interested in attending this meeting  
should so indicate their desire by notifying Jack Roe or  
Leon Engle, NRC, 301/492-7846 or 301/492-8349, respectively,  
no later than September 20, 1979

*See where this  
part of the  
meeting.*

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Leon Engle, Project Manager  
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