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Mr. Hendrie,

I recently became aware of the plan of General Public Utilities to "recover" Three Mile Island. The plan, which is severely underestimated in cost in the first place, is appalling in its tacit indications that TMI can be cleaned up and eventually reopened. I can understand GPU's haste to avoid the notoriety of an abandoned nuclear mausoleum like West Valley, but I don't think that the NRC, supposed regulators of the nuclear industry, should be accomplices in this.

I am especially upset about the plans to release radioactive gases into the environment, especially since such a release will be accompanied by so much propaganda from GPU that people will be told that small doses of radiation aren't harmful. I am also concerned about the nuclear workers who will be exposed to excessive limits of radiation. What is especially enraging is the situation with the nuclear waste; it will be carted to the other side of the country where it can sit in steel tanks while we wait another breathless fifteen years for the final solution to the nuclear waste problem.

I fear that your subsequent regulating and handling of TMI will be on a par with that witnessed before and during the accident. I feel heartened when I realize that the nuclear industry is crumbling despite governmental support; it is enriching to know that the dictates of people can occasionally overrule the energy dictators of our nation. I can only promise you that if Three Mile Island is ever reopened or attempts are made to start it up, there will ~~exist~~ be a lot of bodies that will have to be felled along the way.

I foresee that GPU's "recovery plan" will be a point of ~~controversy~~ controversy for a long time. Add my letter to those who are really angry about TMI and even angrier about money@scheming utilities and pissed off about governmental promotion and support of the nuclear industry.

May you sleep well at night.

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Hiroshima the day after bombing

On the morning of August 6th, 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Thousands of Japanese people died on that day. But they alone do not suffer the legacy of atomic weapons: hundreds of Marines who assisted with cleanup are dying from radiation some thirty years later. Here in Portland, the Trojan Nuclear Plant operates only 32 miles away with the same destructive power. No more Hiroshimas; no more nuclear power.

August 6th

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