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Dear Mr. King:

This is in reply to your letter of November 26, 1979, about licensing of nuclear power plants.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to protect the public health and safety. The Three Mile Island accident resulted in a need for changes in the approach to safety. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has found that actions recommended by its own staff and by the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island in the areas of human factors, operational safety, emergency planning, nuclear power plant design and siting, health effects, and public information are necessary and feasible.

At this time we are preparing for review and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission an Action Plan that will specify the precise actions to be taken. This Action Plan will include new or improved safety objectives, detailed criteria for their implementation, and various implementation deadlines. Our goal is to have approved NRC requirements available to all utilities shortly after February 15, 1980.

It is recognized that there will be a significant effect on the availability of power generating capacity if those plants now in the final stages of construction do not receive operating licenses by the dates previously anticipated, and every effort is being made to avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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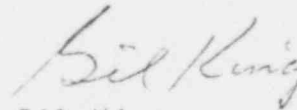
Dear Mr. Denton:

We need nuclear power and we need it now.

We protest the moratorium on licensing new nuclear plants.

Now, more than ever, we need all forms of energy, and we believe that nuclear energy is safe, economical and vital to our nation's security.

Sincerely,



Gil King
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