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Mr. Richard Cox
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Dear Mr. Cox:

This is in reply to your letter of November 20, 1979, about licensing of
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
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November 20, 1979

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Dear Mr. Denton,

In the course of my regular occupation I am exposed to opinions, conclusions and theories of many people from as many walks of life throughout North America daily on many different issues. My conclusions are in part couched from reactions to those opinions, conclusions and theories.

However, I wish to have you consider my recommendations in this letter as those of a person who is concerned primarily from the position of a consuming tax-payer.

I am acutely aware of the potential risks encompassed by continued construction of nuclear power generation facilities. However, that knowledge is offset by the existence of the safety features, back-up features and the added improvements made in those areas since Three Mile Island.

When reflecting on the reasons for gas lines in 1973 and again in 1979, I become increasingly alarmed as my personal life and that of my neighbor remains coupled closely to energy which must be purchased outside the United States.

When those reflections and considerations are coupled with knowledge of how little progress the current administration, both on Pennsylvania Avenue and Capitol Hill, have made in development of energy sources alternative to oil, the reservations from additional construction of nuclear power house generation facilities is tremendously diminished. Those considerations are diminished even further when applied to contemplation of a national brown-out, the failure of life saving equipment in hospitals, due to lack of available electrical energy, cessation of food processing equipment for the same reasons, and a myriad of other comparisons.

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In reviewing items which have recently crossed my desk I was especially struck with the appropriate expression of Carl Walske's November 7, 1979 statement relative to licensing freeze of nuclear power house construction. As you know, Carl Walske is President of Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc., and a strong proponent of nuclear power generation.

When all aspects of the critical energy situation in which we live is reviewed, I am hard put to find justification for anyone disagreeing with Carl Walske.

I am enclosing that statement for your review and I urge you to add your efforts to those already in existence for promotion of licensing for construction of nuclear power generation facilities. I would appreciate your response to this letter.

Very truly yours,



Richard Cox

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