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Mr. Jacob L. Susskind  
120 N. Union Street  
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Mr. Susskind:

I am writing in response to your letter to Chairman Ahearne of January 28, 1980.

With regard to your concern about the release of radioactive gases from the reactor building of Three Mile Island, Unit 2, such releases are not currently permitted. Metropolitan Edison Company has submitted to NRC a "Safety Analysis and Environmental Report" (November 12, 1979) in which they evaluated alternative methods for the disposal of the krypton gases, such as venting and cryogenic processing. Before authorizing venting or any other disposal methods of the krypton gas, NRC will prepare an Environmental Assessment to determine potential environmental effects of the alternative methods and will request public comments on the assessment. The Commission has also decided that concerned citizens should be given the opportunity to present their views orally at a public meeting prior to any approval of proposals to dispose of radioactive gases in the TMI, Unit 2, reactor building. By this course of action, we will assure that a thorough assessment is completed prior to disposal of the contaminated gases, and that the health and safety of the off-site population will be protected.

I appreciate your concerns and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public, not only at the Three Mile Island Station, but also at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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120 North Union Street  
Middletown, PA 17057  
January 28, 1980

Commissioner John Ahearne  
NRC  
U.S. nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC

Dear Commissioner Ahearne:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed release of Krypton from TMI. If such a plan is carried out, I think that this would be a flagrant disregard for the residents of the Middletown area. I am opposed to any further radioactive releases from TMI. I urge you to speak out in our behalf. I would appreciate your views on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

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