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November 20, 1979

The Honorable Joseph Hendrie
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

In our hearing of November 9 you offered to report to us within 30 days on a plan to clean up Unit 2 at Three Mile Island. Your staff has requested any specific items we would wish to have covered in your report. This letter is in response to that request.

1. Please provide us with your best estimate plan for the cleanup. The plan should identify equipment or techniques that have been selected or that are being considered, along with the rationale used in their selection. The plan should also be coordinated with and reflect the views of the General Public Utility Service Corp.

2. Please include the regulatory guidelines necessary for the cleanup. For instance, if needed, set standards for the release of radioactive effluents and emissions to the local environment. State whether existing radiation worker dose limit criteria will be employed or whether new limits will be set. The Subcommittee should be kept advised of the progress being made toward satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, and any impact that this may have on the Commission's ability to take actions necessary to protect the public health and safety.

3. Please include regulatory guidelines that will remain stable over the period of the cleanup, consistent with the Commission's responsibilities to protect the public health and safety and the environment.

4. Please describe the steps that you plan to take to reestablish public confidence in the clean-up operations and in NRC's ability to properly regulate those operations.

We recognize the complexity of the issues at hand and the difficulty of the assignment. Nonetheless, we believe there is a need for NRC to act thoughtfully, promptly, deliberately,

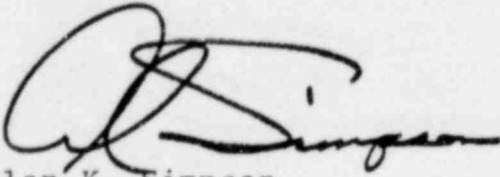
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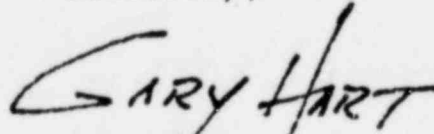
and openly on this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation and we would appreciate hearing from you by the promised date.



Alan K. Simpson
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Nuclear
Regulation

Sincerely,



Gary Hart
Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear
Regulation

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