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Dear Mrs. Myers:

Thank you for your comments about nuclear energy. I regret that this letter has been delayed. The accident and its consequences have created a substantial increase in the agency's workload, which has prevented us from responding to you as promptly as we would have liked.

In a policy statement of November 21, 1979, the Commission stated that the staff would prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement on the decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes resulting from the Three Mile Island, Unit 2, accident. The statement emphasizes the Commission's intention to (1) coordinate its actions on this matter with the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and (2) provide the opportunity for public comments. The programmatic environmental impact statement will focus on the environmental issues and alternative methods associated with the performance of these clean up activities. Public meetings will also be held in the Harrisburg, Middletown area during preparation of the environmental impact statement.

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

Sincerely,

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IF PLAIN SENSE MAKES COMMON SENSE --- SEEK NO OTHER SENSE

Dr Harold Denton

There are a few facts most people around the country now know, especially central Pennsylvanians. Nuclear radiations and how the nuclear plants function are no longer unknown. It is no longer a "fear of the unknown" but a "fear of the known". In the event of another mishap I do not feel the average citizen will be any better prepared to handle it than the last time.

We all now know what a rem is, what a hydrogen gas bubble is, what a meltdown is and how close we came to one. I believe it was only through God's wisdom and grace for this country and it's people that saved us from a terrible disaster. I also believe it was like a person who survives a heart attack. This has been a "warning signal for us to do all that we can to prevent it from happening again".

I would like to ask, why we spend so much money on our armed defenses and on weapons like MX Mobile Missile only to build a nuclear plant that can be highly dangerous and even take lives due to human error, malfunction, sabotage, RIGHT in our own back yards? We do not need to accept more plants and radiation emission in the use as a utility.

I know of a family that live about three miles from T.M.I. When small children and pregnant women were told to leave, this family qualified since they have three small children. While the father was at work, the mother prepared to leave. One of the children decided to help mommie. As the child was carrying the five week old baby, he dropped her. At first the baby seemed fine. When the mother reached her destination, she discovered a lump on the baby's head. After going to the hospital for X-rays and treatment, she was told that the baby had a fractured skull and that she should watch to see how the baby develops in crawling, walking and talking. Who can say how many hours or months these parents are suffering anguish from this incident? How many others have suffered unknown incidents?

If we had just one astronaut "in trouble" in outer space, a snipwreck, a plane crash where we could save just one human life (and so it should be), we would bear any expense to save that person. Why is it any less important to save hundreds and maybe thousands of lives and spare them the agony of living in anguish and fear?

We have been lead to believe that nuclear power is safe for energy when it in fact is not. Our President speaks out for human rights, then I can't see why he advocates nuclear energy.

Mr. Herman Dieckamp of G.P.U. made the statement that if we find opening T.M.I. unacceptable then we have the freedom to move, to change something. I would like to ask ---MOVE WHERE? If you look at a nuclear map of the U.S., you will find at least 72 nuclear plants with about 128 more in the planning. Also other countries such as Japan, France, Germany and Holland are already using or planning to use nuclear energy. I don't plan to play hide and seek with nuclear power plants. I love where I am and plan to stay here.

These are some of my thoughts and my action will be to continue to speak out against nuclear energy and to send letters to whom I can to stand up for our lives, our state and our country.

Doesn't it make sense to change now? 790814062/

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