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Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H St, N W Washington, D C 20006

Dear Sir:

As a concerned citizen and a scientist, I was shocked by the article in the Wall Street Journal on Friday, August 10,p.5, to the effect that it would be a year before your commission would permit operation of the <u>undamaged</u> reactor at Three Mile Island.

In view of the fact that we are very short on energy, that nuclear power ries between 10 and 15 percent of our electrical energy requirements, and that we really need that energy in that area, I beg you to shorten your consideration time. As you know, the TMI incident was blown all out of proportion by the press and TV, and the technical fixes are known and can be made in a much shorter time.

Flease give me, and the public, a shining example of the fact that government bureaugracy can move at something greater than the speed of a turtle!

Sincerely,