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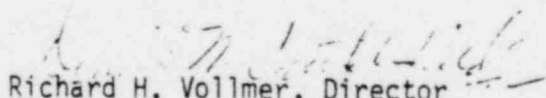
Dear Ms. Golden:

Your letter to Chairman Ahearne of January 26, 1980, was referred to me for response.

The release of radioactive gases from the reactor building of TMI Unit 2 is not currently permitted. Metropolitan Edison Company has submitted to NRC a "Safety Analysis and Environmental Report" (November 12, 1979) in which it 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 offsite population will be protected.

We 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.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Vollmer, Director
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