

CAPITOL MANUFACTURING CO.

DIVISION OF HARSCO CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 1200

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43216

GEORGE M. LEVINE
PRESIDENT

December 21, 1979

Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20555


Dear Mr. Hendrie:

No doubt the decision of November 5th to stop issuing construction permits and operating licenses for nuclear power plants makes good political sense. However, we feel that this certainly cannot be justified on the basis of the report of the Three Mile Island job or the history of the nuclear industry.

It is obvious that OPEC has noted our action with relations to nuclear power and have given us a present which will cost us considerably more. I am sure that you are aware that a typical nuclear plant replaces 10 million barrels of oil and it would seem to me that we must move ahead as rapidly as possible, making sure that the plants are constructed as safe as possible.

I certainly hope that in the light of the OPEC decision and the reality of today that you will reconsider your decision so this vital energy source will be utilized.

Very truly yours,



George M. Levine

CML:jw

cc: President Jimmy Carter
White House-Wash., D. C.
John F. Ahearne - N. R. C.
Peter A. Bradford - N. R. C.
Victor Gilinsky - N. R. C.
Richard T. Kennedy - N. R. C.
Harold R. Denton - Director
Nuclear Reactor Regulation Office
Robert A. Haynos - Harsco Corp.

8003190 501