


**HARRISBURG AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL**

In Affiliation With

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT**

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR—CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

325 FRONT STREET

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA. 17070

TELEPHONE (717) 774-3800

DR. BERNARD J. SNYDER, Program Director  
 Three Mile Island Program Office  
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20555

May 8, 1980

Dear Dr. Snyder:

I have given a considerable amount of time for a possible solution as to the removing of Krypton 85 from Unit #2, Three Mile Island. I find that most of the discussed processes will (1) take an extensive period of time for preparation, (2) create a storage problem and (3) only move the K-85 from one location to another. This latter consideration is one that causes me most concern.

Removal of Kr-85 from the containment building to be placed in any of the other containment areas merely moves the problem from one space to another but does not eliminate the problem. To me, this appears to be completely incongruous.

I feel that the process making the most sense is to combine the Reactor Building Purge System and the Hydrogen Control System in a slow, monitored, venting process. This procedure would eliminate the immediate problem without creating a new problem.

I believe a lot of attention has been paid to public concern, etc., but not much concern has been expressed relative to the men and women who face the inevitable -- that is, to enter Unit #2 and assess the damage in order to determine (1) is Unit #2 Reactor in a repairable condition and (2) should decommission be started.

( Continued )

 D019  
 5/10  
 1/0

In either situation someone MUST go inside Unit #2, T.M.I., to make one of the aforementioned decisions. Many of these workers are on TMI today, preparing for this most difficult task that has been delayed for far too long.

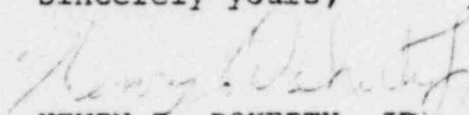
The problem is not going to disappear of itself but it must be dealt with in a calm and rational manner. The work force are also under considerable strain because of the many delays that have already taken place.

At present, we have the skilled personnel to perform these necessary tasks but I wonder how long their patience will hold out before they move to other employment, thus taking with them their valued skill and knowledge of Unit #2.

I think it is time for us to stand up and be counted and take decisive action on a problem that begs a solution.

I hope my brief statement will will add to the many voices already calling for the venting of Krypton 85 in Unit #2, T.M.I. and that we will get on with the rest of the energy program so this country will become less dependent on foreign oil.

Sincerely yours,



HENRY T. DOHERTY, JR.  
Business Manager