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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

Dear Dr. Snyder:

This is in response to your letter of April 21 asking for my comments on NRC's "Environmental Assessment for Decontamination of the Three Mile Island Unit 2 Reactor Building Atmosphere".

While we have a concern about the potential long-term adverse effects on the health of the population surrounding Three Mile Island, we believe that the krypton gas should be vented into the atmosphere on a controlled basis and that decontamination of the Unit 2 Reactor proceed in an expeditious manner. We also believe that because of the anxiety of a portion of the population about the release of the krypton gas into the atmosphere, there should be sufficient advance public notice so as to allow those individuals who wish to leave the Three Mile Island area to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Milton H. Appleyard

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