

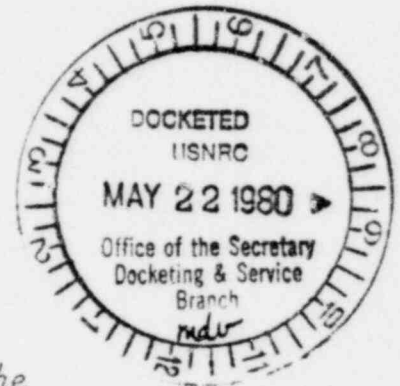
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Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Sirs:

I am very much interested in your move to re-evaluate the radiation standards for commercial nuclear power facilities.

I understand that utilities are allowed to monitor their own radioactive releases and must report these releases within 30 days of each accidental release. Since many of these reports are not made until the end of this 30 day requirement I feel that the public is not properly being protected. In addition utilities continue to insist that the public has not been harmed—utilities, to my knowledge do not have radiation experts on staff.

What kind of protection does the public have in the event of a severe accident like TMI when existing monitors can't even measure the amount of radiation that is released?

Lastly, how can utilities continue to insist the public has not been harmed when farmers in areas around Harrisburg, PA are reporting animal birth defects and repeated miscarriages by farm animals (Village Voice March 24, 1980). Are the peoples of the world to be the "guinea pigs" of the nuclear industry?

Sincerely,

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