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The Honorable Robert S. Walker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Walker:

Your letter of May 20, 1980, regarding correspondence to you from Dr. John L. Randall and Mrs. Walden S. Randall brought to my attention their concerns regarding emergency planning at the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant.

With respect to Dr. John L. Randall's concern regarding funding for offsite support agencies, in the near future it is likely that continued operation of the two Peach Bottom units will be contingent upon the adequacy of both on-site and off-site emergency preparedness. While some State and local funding is usually available, and while in some cases specific State legislation makes assessments for emergency preparedness purposes, we expect that it will be in the interest of the licensee to provide voluntary assistance to assist in improving offsite preparedness. With respect to Federal level funds, while some very small amounts may be available, no significant increases can be expected in the short term. In the long term FEMA may provide certain resources and funding. However, further taxes for emergency preparedness purposes by appropriate State or local jurisdictions may well be the long term solution.

The following is in regard to Mrs. Walden S. Randall's concerns about the arrangements which were made for our April 24, 1980 meeting at Peach Bottom.

Except for meetings dealing with security measures or other proprietary information, meetings between the NRC staff and our licensees are open to the parties to the proceeding and the public. A copy of the letter announcing the meeting is sent to all the parties concerned and also to the local public document room which is normally located in a sizeable community near the plant site. However, because of the subject matter of emergency planning and its interest to the public, the NRC staff has made an additional and distinct effort to notify the public, as well as affected government officials, regarding our current program involving visits to each of the nation's operating nuclear power plants for the purpose of promptly upgrading emergency preparedness.

With respect to the Peach Bottom meeting, our public announcement was issued on March 31, 1980 - well in advance of the meeting date. I have enclosed a copy of the public announcement and the mailing list used for the Peach Bottom meeting. In addition, our emergency planning Team Leader responsible for reviewing the plans, submitted by the licensed utility, personally extended

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an invitation to the local officials responsible for implementing emergency actions in the environs of the Peach Bottom facility. This included all of the county civil defense directors within a 10 mile radius, including Mr. Paul Leese from Lancaster County. I might add that the attendance at the public meeting was in excess of 100 citizens from both Pennsylvania and Maryland.

As you may be aware, President Carter, on December 7, 1979, directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to take the lead in off-site emergency planning and to review and assess State and local emergency plans for adequacy. The FEMA regional office is working actively with the State and its political subdivisions to produce improved emergency preparedness plans and capabilities as soon as possible. At the point in time when the FEMA Regional Director is satisfied that the State and local plans are ready for review against the criteria by the FEMA National Headquarters, there will be a public meeting held in the vicinity of the power plant. This meeting will include a general description of the concepts and proposed emergency actions contained in the plans and public comment and recommendations will be solicited. These comments and recommendations will be considered during the final review of the plans by FEMA Headquarters in Washington, D. C. A copy of a letter to me from Mr. Frank Camm, FEMA, stating this commitment is enclosed.

I trust this responds to your constituents' concerns.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

William J. Dircks, Acting Executive
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Enclosures:

1. Peach Bottom Press Release
2. Mailing List
3. Letter from F. Camm, FEMA
to W. Dircks, NRC

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Director of Congressional Affairs
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two letters I received recently from my constituents in the 16th District of Pennsylvania. As you will note, both individuals are concerned about emergency preparedness in areas surrounding nuclear facilities. I would be grateful for your review of the correspondence and any available information which would speak to the concerns expressed. In addition, I would be pleased to have your cooperation with respect to the request for a meeting with area residents.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you in this regard at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

Robert S. Walker

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Congressman Robert Walker
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Dear Congressman Walker, and Assistant Mark Phillips,

I was so glad to receive your letter this Saturday on the subject of the Peach Bottom meeting. Apologies for my inadequate note- I sent so many in such a short time trying to alert people to the meeting I must have inadvertantly left off the time and place. As far as I can gather the only local notification in Lancaster County was in the New Era on April 3, 1980 from the AP wire: no County Civil Defense, (Mr. Paul Leese and his six Directors in the related townships) no County Commissioners (I called Mr. Huber's office), no Township Supervisors and no other legislators were notified. None of those of us in the general public who have been writing of our concerns for over a year to the NRC and the utility were told. I learned frm a conversation with Ms. Debbie Dunlap, the editor of the Quarryville Sun-Ledger, which then on April 30, 1980 carried a full front page report on the meeting. I really am sorry Mr. Phillips, who is always so helpful and efficient, had such a fruitless evening.

It is very obvious to me that you and your assistants must now be convinced that NRC is not up to par. Perhaps you will share our concerns about allowing such an agency almost total discretion in the decisions which affect so directly the welfare of the people of these three counties, and so many others. Should the clean-up at the damaged plant be in their hands? Should they be in charge of surveillance? Maybe, you will now see that your constituents who write on this issue are not "stressed" but have a legitimate basis for their concern, born of many months of dealing with them. While the structure of the law is clear, it is a necessity for the local people to have more control BECAUSE they in fact are most affected. Decisions MUST be based on safety not money and the smallest possible releases need to be the goal as no one knows how much ultimately will have to go out when they remove the core. Entombment is possible in the long run AFTER core removal but permanent disposal at the site untenable.

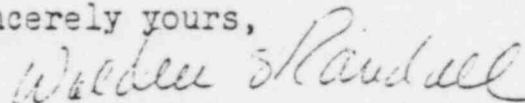
I am sure Mr. Grimes can give you a copy of the NRC memo detailing the 44 points of inadequacy of the proposed Philadelphia Electric plan. According to him, many of the decisions we were concerned about such as off-site planning for animals, stored feed and water, better local notification techniques etc. will be determined by FEMA .

FEMA has not, and will not schedule a meeting here unless you force them to do so. There will be therefore no local input to their decisions. We have drawn our concerns from the Emergency Management sections of the Kemeny, Rogovin and Governor's Reports. It would be very appropriate for such a meeting to be held, and as you can see from the press coverage our counterparts, and yours in Maryland, frequently so requested. We were denied. I hope you will be able to rectify the situation by holding such a meeting. To do so, to prove that the plans work and are properly funded will alleviate the tensions now being ignored. Sweeping the concerns under the rug causes loss of credibility and fear, the feeling we are expendable. As Philadelphia Electric is now requesting another facility at Fulton, surely it is not too much to ask that the maximum be done NOW for safety.

Again, my thanks and apologies to you and Mr. Phillips for inadequate notification, although I feel it is the NRC's responsibility not mine. I am also sorry I have no other viable option to choose but to involve a Congressman in a question which rightly should be able to be resolved by the regulatory agency itself without requiring intervention from you. If they did their job right I wouldn't have to ask you. However, there is no other option.

Looking forward to hearing from you about a meeting for our area with FEMA.

Sincerely yours,



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May 5, 1980

The Honorable Robert S. Walker
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Dear Congressman Walker:

I appreciate the prompt response which you and your staff gave to my request for HR6689 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission materials. There were of great help to me in our recent meeting with Harold Denton of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with the Pennsylvania Medical Society and a meeting held at Peach Bottom regarding emergency planning for that facility. My comment as regards HR6689, which I'm sure you know is authorizing the appointment of the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Development, Department of Agriculture, to me represents a major step in the right direction as far as both energy programs and as far as agricultural advancement. This may, in fact, be a way for the farmers finally to get adequate remuneration for their land. I hope you would support this bill.

As far as the documents on the TMI cleanup, specifically the Howar or Derkes reports dated February 28th and 29th to the NRC, several things are rather disconcerting regarding this:

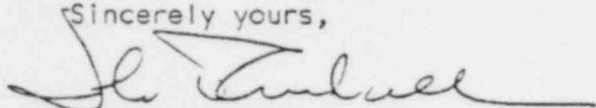
- 1) Metropolitan Edison fiscal status is poor, if at all solvent. They have placed the cleanup on Three Mile Island on fourth priority and the investigator for the NRC feels that they may face bankruptcy. This, of course, represents the situation in which cost cutting can well occur at the sacrifice of prudent safety measures.
- 2) I think it is important for the public to know that the Three Mile Island cleanup is going to persist for a long time and that intermittent releases most likely will occur. I've been in contact with the Environmental Protection Agency director at the Middletown site and he assures me that data will be available to the general public regarding releases from the plant. This should do a great deal to help allay some of the fears and anxieties surrounding this.

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As far as the emergency planning meeting at Peach Bottom, it was apparent that the NRC is mainly concerned with the onsite emergency planning and FEMA will be concerned with the offsite planning. It also appears that monies available to FEMA are sparse if existant at all. As you know, Civit Defense and municipal functions in cur area are, if anything, rudimentary and we will certainly be in need of funding from some sort. I would appreciate any comments you may have regarding this.

Thank you for your continuing help in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Randall".

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