



Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania

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Chairman of Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution, as passed at the 1979 State Convention of the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania, concerning the public health implications of nuclear power plants.

As an organization, we urge you to support future legislation dealing with public health safety regarding nuclear power plants and guidelines for safe handling of nuclear materials and waste.

We are interested in your feelings concerning this topic. Responses may be addressed to:

Hoppy Whitman
Legislative Coordinator
129 E. Main St.
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

Your response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baker

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SNAP Secretary

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Resolution No. 1

- Topic: Nuclear Power Plants vs. Public Health
- Submitted by: SNAP Board of Directors
- WHEREAS, The accident at the Three Mile Island Atomic Power Plant in Harrisburg has been defined as the "most serious accident to occur in the U.S.", and
- WHEREAS, This accident has evidenced the grave threat of release of radioactive material and nuclear meltdown from atomic reactors; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Mile Island incident has shown that present technology failed to provide adequate prevention and control of reactor malfunction; and
- WHEREAS, Public health authorities were not notified at the time of the accident and a four hour delay occurred, thereby delaying planning of intervention for public safety; and
- WHEREAS, SNAP is a pre-professional organization of health care providers who are concerned with the quality of public health and safety; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania through this resolution and possibly through articles in the association's newsletter urge its constituents and individual members to write letters to their legislators urging them to (1) enact legislation to suspend future licensure and new construction of nuclear power plants in the U.S. until more effective safety controls of nuclear power plants are investigated and implemented; (2) provide funds for further research into public health safety before the event of a nuclear meltdown/accident; (3) establish an immediate notification plan to public health authorities and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission authorities in the event of a nuclear accident; and (4) provide to the general public educational programs concerning nuclear energy, effects of radiation, and disposal of nuclear waste; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That SNAP, and its constituents, support future legislation at national, state and local levels for public health safety regarding nuclear power plants and guidelines for

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safe handling of nuclear materials and waste by communicating to their appropriate legislators and writing to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Senior Official at the NRC Office of Inspection, Secretary of HEW; and the Chairman of House Interior subcommittee on nuclear power issues.*

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Chairman of House Interior Subcommittee on Nuclear
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