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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRMAN

May 23, 1980

The Honorable Richard Thornburgh
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Thornburgh:

On May 15th, the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs reported on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's FY 1981 Authorization Legislation. As part of their action, the Committee included a provision which would establish a Three Mile Island Advisory Panel. The proposed legislative language requiring NRC to establish such an Advisory Panel is attached.

As proposed three members of this panel would be selected by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from among persons representing agencies of State Government in the State of Pennsylvania.

The Commission has determined to use its existing authorities to establish such a panel now rather than awaiting House-Senate agreement on the FY 81 Authorization. Accordingly, I would appreciate your recommendations as to appropriate representatives of the State of Pennsylvania for this Panel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John F. Ahearne".

John F. Ahearne

Enclosure

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Sec. 106. (a) From the amounts authorized to be appropriated under section 101, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall use such sums as may be necessary to establish a Three Mile Island Advisory Panel to consult with and make recommendations to the Commission on matters relating to the decontamination of the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor. The requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (86 Stat. 770) do not apply to the establishment and operation of such Panel established under this section. Such Panel shall consist of not more than 15 members selected by the Commission as follows:

(1) three members shall be appointed from among persons representing agencies of State government in the State of Pennsylvania,

(2) three members shall be appointed from among persons representing local government authorities in the vicinity of the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor,

(3) three members shall be appointed from among persons representing the independent scientific community, and

(4) three members shall be appointed from among persons representing members of the general public having their principal place of residence in the vicinity of the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor.

The Commission shall consult with the Panel concerning all decontamination activities and related activities authorized, or carried out, by the Commission with respect to the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor.

(b) From the amounts authorized to be appropriated under this Act, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards shall expend such sums as may be necessary for purposes of furnishing to the Three Mile Island Advisory Panel technical advice and assistance requested by the Panel.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, such Panel shall meet at least twice a year with such meetings being called by the Commission. The Panel may also meet at any time as agreed to by two-thirds of the members of the Panel and upon submission of notice thereof to the Commission.

(d) While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Panel, members of the Panel shall be eligible to be reimbursed by the Commission for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed expenses under section 5708 of title 5 of the United States Code.

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