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Mrs. Roy Olsen
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Dear Mrs. Olsen:

I am writing in response to your letter to President Carter regarding an incident reported on the news in October 1979 concerning the Three Mile Island reactor. I regret that this answer to your letter has been delayed. The accident and its consequences have created a substantial increase in the agency's workload, which has prevented us from responding to you as promptly as we would have liked.

Several NRC staff task forces have been organized to identify and evaluate safety concerns that originated from the accident at Three Mile Island and that merit consideration in the licensing actions for presently operating reactors as well as for those for which operating licenses and construction permits are pending.

The task forces' reviews have disclosed a number of actions in the areas of design and analysis and plant operations that will be required in the short term to provide substantial additional protection of the public health and safety. All nuclear power plants in operation or under construction will be affected to varying degrees by the specific recommendations.

In its Statement of Policy and Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement of November 21, 1979, the Commission stated that the staff would prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement on the decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes resulting from the accident at Three Mile Island Unit 2. The statement emphasizes the Commission's intention to coordinate its actions on this matter with the President's Council on Environmental Quality and to provide the opportunity for public comments. The programmatic environmental impact statement will focus on the environmental issues and alternative methods associated with the performance of these clean-up activities.

The Commission has also ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether Three Mile Island Unit 1 should be operated and, if so, under what conditions the restart would take place. Prior to start of the hearings, the NRC staff will conduct a review of technical information concerning the restart

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of Unit 1. As part of this review, the NRC staff will conduct meetings with the licensee in the presence of the public, and the public will be given the opportunity to raise questions and to make statements. During the hearing, the technical issues that are appropriate to assure the public health and safety will also be addressed. In addition, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has indicated that NRC should consider the psychological impact of future operation on the nearby communities. A copy of the Commission Order that outlines the issues to be considered is enclosed for your information.

I appreciate your concerns and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public, not only at Three Mile Island, but also at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director
Three Mile Island Program Office
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: Commission Order
of August 9, 1979

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Dear Mrs. Olson

Your letter to President Carter concerning the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant has been referred to this office for reply

Inasmuch as matters pertaining to the licensing construction and operation of commercial nuclear power plants are under the cognizance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission we are forwarding your letter to them for appropriate action by copy of this letter

Sincerely

J.P.
John P. Thereault, Deputy Director
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Tuesday October 27, 1974
12:30 P.M.

Dear Mr. President,

I have just learned of the news that there has been another incident at Three Mile Island. As a resident of Pennsylvania I don't mind telling you I am terrified. I have just tried to call you. I was sure I would not be able to reach you personally and left a message with the people you have designated for this job.

Mr. President, my husband and I live in Wayne, Pennsylvania which is just outside of Philadelphia. Our daughter is at school in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania (Bucknell) and this is only 45 miles away from Three Mile Island. Knowing how far-reaching a melt-down would be we are fearful for her safety. We are 150 miles away from her here in Wayne which is much

too far away to make a hasty decision
 & reach her and evacuate. During
 the last incident we got her out and
 left the state but we did not return
 until Friday and if you will recall
 the accident first occurred on a Wed-
 nesday. Of course, knowing what we
 know now we would have left the moment
 we learned of the accident but we
 foolishly trusted the news releases from
 that plant as well as the reassurances of
 the NRC, we do not feel reassured now.

Sir, I feel we should not have to live
 under this frightening pressure. We
 want to live and feel we have a right
 to live without these frightening experiences.
 Please reconsider the use of nuclear
 power. We are all human and capable
 of making mistakes but can mistakes
 be ~~be~~ made with nuclear power? Consider
 what the destruction of this state would
 mean to say nothing of the lives.

While writing this letter I had other
calls - in particular the governor's office
which had little information + then the
Three Mile Island office. Though they
have assured me that this problem
is totally dissimilar to the problem
in March and is not serious I still
worry. Can you appreciate what this
accident has done to some of us who
must live with it every day. I do hope
that what they have told me is correct. You
see, after that March incident we have
had considerable mistrust

I am sending this letter anyway to let
you know that I still do not feel safe
with the use of nuclear power especially
the state of the art as it exists today. I
do not feel anything can be made foolproof
and we cannot afford such devastating
risks. Please reconsider your stand.
I know you are a fine sensitive person
and will realize that there are a

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lot of us out here who are
concerned. I would like to hear from
you.

Very Truly yours,
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