



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

JULY 15 1980

Docket No. 50-289

Ms. Lenora D. Adam
936 Hess Drive
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Adam:

I am writing in response to your letter to the Commission dated March 12, 1980. In your correspondence, you commented upon the issues of "psychological distress" and "community fears" from your viewpoint as a member of a Metropolitan Edison Company employee's family and a citizen living in the area surrounding the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station.

As you may be aware, the NRC ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether the facility should be operated and, if so, under what conditions. The public hearing is scheduled to begin this fall. During the hearing, the technical issues appropriate to assure public health and safety will be addressed. The NRC staff is currently involved in the ongoing review of technical information concerning the restart of Unit 1. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the technical group involved with the psychological stress issue. Based upon the current status of the proceedings, the development of a record on which the Commission can make a decision regarding restart is not expected before the early part of 1981.

While the NRC is, of course, concerned about financial impacts on consumers and licensees, the NRC's primary responsibility is the assurance of public health and safety.

Your comments and interest in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Reid".

Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #4
Division of Licensing

8008140591

H