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Mr. John Ahearn
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Ahearn:

In reference to the venting of Krypton gas from Three Mile Island's disabled reactor:

- 1) I have heard that some has already been vented. If so, this is not acting in good faith toward the public.
- 2) We are upset that the companies call it just Krypton gas, thereby putting a cleaner face on a rather dirty fact that whatever is vented contains alpha and beta particles which get into our food chain.
- 3) I feel convinced that we, up here in the highly populated Connecticut area, are just as badly affected by TMI as Pennsylvanians are. We are in the Westerly wind-flow pattern from there. Our cows and corn etc. have also received TMI alpha and beta particles. According to Dr. Sternglass the infant mortality rate went up in July along the coastal area, three months after TMI's accident.
- 4) We, up here, would like to have you hold hearings in the greater New York City radius, with two weeks notice ahead, for public response to the venting.

I have been reading about the hearings in Philadelphia and I agree with the response you were getting that no Krypton or anything else should be vented.

Sincerely,

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