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Director-Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Director:

In a recent area newspaper, I read that your illustrious commission will once again enlighten the world with your less than honorable actions. The Three Mile Island Plant is to have the gases inside vented out into the surrounding area. The gases are to be released in small amounts, and then larger doses shortly thereafter. As a taxpaying Pennsylvania resident, I vehemently raise my objections to this inhuman venture. Such a release of gases and the plant itself have no value to society and can only cause irreparable damage to those near it. Rather than release the harmful gases, CLOSE DOWN THE PLANT until an acceptable way can be found to rid the facility of its numerous hazardous and potential dangers, to society and its peoples.

Your commission is handling the entire problem at Three Mile Island in a way typical of most bureaucratic organizations. The utmost concern in your mind is facilitating the "red tape" and paperwork involving the release of the radioactive gases. You have totally overlooked what is most important in the entire issue-THE PEOPLE.

To entirely comprehend the issue, during the release of the radioactive gases, have YOUR COMMISSION and STAFF move into the area. Bring your families, too. You see, MINE is there, too. They live each day in the shadow of your bureaucratic whims and wisdom. Also, YOUR CHILDREN can be accommodated in the area, so that they too can benefit from your release of the radioactive gases.

I have a niece aged 5, a nephew, 6 months, and numerous cousins aged 7 to 12. It is for THEM that I compose this letter. They will be the ones affected by your release of the gases. They will bear the brunt of your irresponsible decisions. They will be the ones who may be STERILE or develop CANCER in the future. Their children may be deformed and birth defects may occur more frequently among them.

These cruel, yet true facts, are what my family lives with, could your's? The children deserve the chance every other generation had. Can you live with yourself knowing that your irresponsible actions have robbed the children of their future? THINK ABOUT IT. KEEP THE GASES INSIDE THE PLANT. OUR CHILDREN DON'T WANT OR NEED THEM.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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