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Mr. & Mrs. C. Willis Wolfe
Maple Hill Farms, RD 2
Etters, Pennsylvania 17319

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe:

Your letter to Mrs. Carter about Metropolitan Edison Company's operation of the Three Mile Island nuclear station was referred to me for response. I regret that this answer has been delayed. The accident and its consequences have created a substantial increase in the agency's workload, which has prevented me from responding to you as promptly as I would have liked.

The Commission has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether TMI-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 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.

As for Unit 2, the licensee has not yet submitted to the NRC a proposal for overall plant recovery, although the licensee is conducting feasibility studies. It is not possible at this time to determine when such proposals for recovery may be submitted or how much time will be needed for the required review and approvals in connection with Unit 2's recovery. I would note, however, that the licensee's authority to operate Unit 2, except for those actions necessary to keep the reactor shut down, was suspended by Order of July 20, 1979.

Presently, 15 Commission professional representatives are at the TMI site. Their task is to review all proposed cleanup plans, including the review and approval of detailed operating procedures, and to maintain surveillance of those operations that NRC has authorized. No future actions can be taken at the site without the NRC's review and approval.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard A. Walker".

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

Encl: Commission Order
of 8/9/79

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Feb. 25, 1980

NRC
Mrs Rosalynn Carter

We are deeply concerned about Metropolitan Edison Co. (G.P.U) continuing to operate a Nuclear facility at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania. There have been numerous accidents there ever since the plant was started.

All of the accidents have been the direct result of violations of N.R.C. safety procedures, or uncontrolled accidents. Neither is comparable or acceptable with Nuclear energy, yet the violations and accidents continue, and Met Ed brushes them off because no one was killed. The cover up by Met Ed is abominable.

When uncontrolled accidents occur, how can anyone determine that they won't be major accidents, instead of just another trivial one.

Please don't permit Met Ed to continue operating until one of these violations or accidents is catastrophic.

We believe that you are more concerned with people than with utilities making high profits. We believe that your influence will help in getting Met Ed's license revoked.

Sincerely
C. Willis Wolfe
Ruth E. Wolfe

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