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September 5, 1980

Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Snyder:

A preliminary draft of the Environmental Impact Statement concerning the Three Mile Island clean-up was issued on August 14, 1980. Any decisions on the method of clean-up for T.M.I. will rely upon this statement in weighing the environmental impact of any action to be taken. Comments concerning the draft will be received and used for formulating the final report.

My primary concern is the failure of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to include Cumberland County in the "impact study area." The importance of this determination is that special consideration is given to the socioeconomic composition of the "impact study area." Dauphin, Lancaster, and York counties were included with this "study area" because of their "proximity" and "the probability of its experiencing the more direct impact." I submit that Cumberland County meets both of these criteria and that special consideration should be accorded to the county.

The densely populated West Shore is no further than most of the Harrisburg area from T.M.I. It is much closer than the city of Lancaster.

Further, the concerns and apprehensions of our citizens are no less than those in our sister counties. The threat of evacuation is just as present to Cumberland County as any other counties. Route 81 and the Pennsylvania turnpike will serve as major evacuation routes. The western sections of Cumberland County will serve as a host area for any evacuation.

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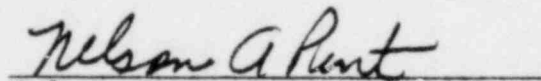
Because of this, we urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to survey the socioeconomic composition of Cumberland County. We further urge that any decision or action regarding the clean-up be weighed in light of its environmental impact on Cumberland County.

Any accident, leakage, or venting at Three Mile Island will have a direct and substantial impact on Cumberland County. It is time that the NRC recognizes this.

Sincerely,



Jacob A. Myers, Chairman



Nelson A. Punt, Vice-Chairman

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