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To: Ahearne Date 9/11/80

Subject: extension of comment period for public comments on the environmental impact statement related to decontamination & disposal of radioactive wastes fm TM

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THE GOVERNOR

September 11, 1980

Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received a copy of your staff's "Environmental Impact Statement related to decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes resulting from (the) March 28, 1979, accident (at the) Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2." This document has been forwarded to the appropriate state agencies for review and comment, and their work is well underway at this time.

It has come to my attention, however, that the 45-day period for public comment allocated by the commission may not be long enough for other interested parties to give this statement the thorough examination it deserves. In the interest of the fullest public participation in the process, I respectfully request that you consider extending the comment period from the current forty-five days, ending Oct. 6, to an additional forty-five days, ending Nov. 20.

I share your concern that the cleanup effort proceed as expeditiously as possible. Certainly we also share, however, a commitment to the people of this area that they be given every reasonable opportunity to fully assess this document and the implications it may hold for their future.

Respectfully,

Dick Thornburgh
Governor