

THE LITTLE ENERGY TASK FORCE  
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DEAR MR. SNYDER:

IT IS WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT WE LEARNED OF NUREG-0683, THE NRC'S DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (PEIS) DEALING WITH THE PROPOSED DECONTAMINATION AND WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR THREE MILE ISLAND NUMBER TWO.


HOWEVER, WE FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE NRC EXTEND THE PROPOSED PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE STATED 45 DAYS TO A MINIMUM OF 90 DAYS, TO ALLOW NOT ONLY PUBLIC REVIEW BUT INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF THE VARIOUS PROCEDURES TO BE USED, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE TIME NEEDED TO REVIEW THE EXTENSIVE NATURE OF THE DOCUMENT AND DEAL WITH THE ISSUES IT RAISES IS, IN OUR OPINION, INCONSISTENT WITH THE 45 DAY TIME LIMIT.
2. WITH THE APPLICATION OF NEW AND UNTESTED TECHNIQUES ON A LARGE SCALE, AS WELL AS, POOR PAST DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES USED AT THE SITE, THE POSSIBILITY OF UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES, OVER-SIGHTS, OR JUST HUMAN ERROR IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY DESPITE THE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY THE NRC. THIS IS BETTER KNOWN AS "MURPHY'S LAW" AND IT IS WELL KNOWN BY THE ENTIRE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY.
3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY SUCH "INCIDENCES" WILL AFFECT THE RESIDENTS OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND THOSE LIVING DOWN-STREAM OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER AND NOT THE SCIENTISTS/POLITICIANS LIVING IN WASHINGTON. THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA CANNOT AFFORD ANY FURTHER TRAUMA.

WE ALSO URGE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR THIS STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS WHICH CALL FOR SUCH HEARINGS WHEN THERE IS "...SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ACTION OR SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN HOLDING THE HEARING..." IN OUR OPINION, THIS SITUATION MEETS THE STATED CRITERIA.

YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

  
BILL HAFNER, DIRECTOR

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