

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

October 16, 1980

The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Office of Inspection and Enforcement is currently investigating the information flow from the site at Three Mile Island on March 28, 1979. The material contained in your September 10, 1980 letter has been incorporated into this investigation as you requested. While changes have already been made in our reporting requirements, we expect that the report of the investigation will specifically address the need for further clarification or expansion. That report will serve as a partial basis for deciding whether and to what extent uncertainty in plant conditions will be required to be reported promptly and how such information will be considered in the decision-making process on whether precautionary protection actions might be warranted.

We will provide copies of the investigation report to each of our legislative oversight committees as soon as it is available.

John F. Shearne

Sinderely,