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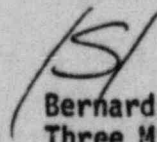
Dear Mr. Depew:

Your letter to President Carter about using federal funds to clean up the Three Mile Island nuclear station was referred to me for response.

Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, NRC has the statutory authority to ensure that the public health and safety will be protected should Metropolitan Edison Company be unable to carry out its responsibilities as a licensee. At present, however, the resources necessary for NRC to implement its direct involvement in Metropolitan Edison's activities are not authorized. Nevertheless, existing statutes do give NRC the final authority to decide who assumes responsibility for a facility when a licensee cannot continue its operation.

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, not only at Three Mile Island, but also at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,



Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director  
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Dear Mr. President,

About a week ago the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission wrote you to ask for federal funds to pay for the clean-up of Three Mile Island. I hope you will deny the request.

It is bad enough that Met-Ed has raised its rates twice since the accident. It will be worse if you award our tax money to them to pay for their mistakes.

It is time Met-Ed bit the bullet, as you have done with your own budget. Surely your new balanced budget will not include more subsidies for the nuclear industry at a time when it is falling apart.

Very truly yours

Jerry Depew