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September 25, 1980

Or. Bernard J. Snyder Director TMI Program Office U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. .. lyder:

Our organization, which has more than 175 members in northwest New Jersey, has recently been made aware that the NRC has limited the public comment pariod on its draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the cleanup of Three Mile Island Unit 2 to only 45 days, a period that we believe is much too short. In our view the comment period should be extended to a minimum of 90 days.

We believe 45 days is not enough lime for the masssive document to be disseminated and reviewed. Afterall, it took the MRC eight months to but the 550-page report together. To ask the public, which lacks the technical expertise available to the MRC, to digest and comment on the PEIS in only 45

days is absurd.

Not only are we asking you to extend the public comment period, we also want the NRC to hold public hearings before a final PEIS is completed. This document is certainly in accord with Council on Environmental Quality regulations, which call for public hearings when there is "substansial environmental controversy concerning the proposed action."

The cleanup of TMI Unit 2 is far too impurtant to the health and safety of people living in central Pennsylvania and to the future of nuclear power

to proceed hastily.

Yours truly,

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September 30, 1980

Mr. Bernard Snyder United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: State Clearinghouse Project No. 81-8-158 Draft EIS Decontamination of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit #2 -Docket #50-320

Dear Mr. Snyder:

It is our understanding that the review period for referenced project has been extended to November 20, 1980. Since Maryland has an intransic interest in this matter and is conducting a thorough and technical review of the Draft, the Md. State Clearing-house is extending its OMB Circular A-95 review period. The Clearinghouse will complete the review and respond within the new time limit of November 20, 1980.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

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Dr. Bernard J. Snyder, Director - TMI Program Office U.S. Muclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Dr. Snyder:

We are requesting an extension of the public comment period on (NUREG - 0683) Draft-Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. We ask that the period be extended from 45 days to 180 days.

Inasmuch as it took 8 months to prepare this statement, we feel this longer comme tary period is necessary for citizens. groups and their experts to analyze the voluminous technical and scientific data relating to such extensive issues as the storage, processing and transportation of radioactive wastes, and decontamination of 'he damaged reactor.

Since it has taken over a year since the accident to simply gain entrance to the crippled reactor; since your findings relating to cleanup of TMI are still inconclusive, and especially since the ratepayers and residents of TMI are shouldering a financial and psychological burden unprecedented in the history of nuclear power, an extension of time for citizen input is absolutely essential on these matters.

Sincerely,

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