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I am writing in response to your September 8, 1980 letters to President Carter and Chairman Ahearne concerning a comparison between the events at Crystal River Unit No. 3 (CR-3) in February 1980 and Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 (TMI-2) in March 1979, the method of processing water at TMI-2, the delay in restart of TMI-1, and the financial impacts to consumers.

With regard to your comments concerning the time required for processing of the water involved and activities required prior to restart for CR-3 vs. TMI-2, it should be noted that during the TMI-2 accident significant fuel damage occurred which resulted in highly radioactive water which required processing. Even though there were differences in the volume of water involved in the two events it is the quality of the water not the quantity that helps determine the schedule for cleanup activities. The quality of water from the incident at CR-3 permitted a relatively simple cleanup operation which supported a rapid restart.

In your letter you expressed interest in the method of handling water at TMI-2. Enclosed is a copy of NUREG-0683 which discusses decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes at TMI-2. You may wish to review the appropriate sections of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 which discuss water processing.

As you are aware, the NRC has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether TMI-1 should be operated and, if so, under what conditions. The hearing, conducted by the assigned Atomic Safety and Licensing Board commenced on October 15, 1980. A recommendation from the assigned Board will be included in the record upon which the Commission will make a decision regarding the restart of TMI-1. Based upon the current status of the proceedings, the development of a record on which the Commission can make a decision regarding restart is not expected before early 1981. NRC staff members are currently involved in preparation for the hearing and the ongoing review of technical information concerning the TMI units. It should be noted that modifications by the licensee to the facilities are continuing and some will not be implemented for several months.

While the NRC is, of course, concerned about financial impacts on consumers and licensees, the NRC's primary responsibility is the assurance of public health and safety. State public utility commissions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have primary responsibility for the rate structures. Therefore, you may wish to address your concerns to these agencies.

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Your comments and interest in these matters are appreciated. I trust that this information is responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
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Enclosure:
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Docket No. 50-289

Mr. T. A. King
2820 Pelham Road, North
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Dear Mr. King:

I am writing in response to your September 8, 1980 letter to Chairman Ahearne concerning the method of processing water at Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 (TMI-2), the delay in restart of TMI-1, and the financial impacts to consumers.

Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement related to decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes at TMI-2 (NUREG-0683). You may wish to review the appropriate sections of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 which discuss water processing.

As you are aware, the NRC has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether TMI-1 should be operated and, if so, under what conditions. The hearing, conducted by the assigned Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will commence on October 15, 1980. A recommendation from the assigned Board will be included in the record upon which the Commission will make a decision regarding the restart of TMI-1. Based upon the current status of the proceedings, the development of a record on which the Commission can make a decision regarding restart is not expected before early 1981. NRC staff members are currently involved in preparation for the hearing and the ongoing review of technical information concerning the TMI units.

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Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
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