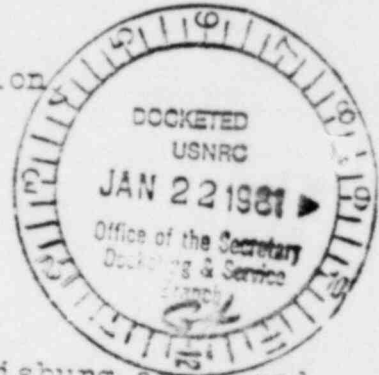


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Mr. John F. Ahearne
Chairman Commissioner
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Subject: Docket 50-289SF
TMI-1
Middletown, PA



Dear Mr. Ahearne;

I am a resident of the Harrisburg area, and the mother of three young children. I cannot understand why TMI-1 has not been permitted to restart since the accident in Unit 2.

As you know, Unit 1 had just completed a refueling and maintenance outage at the time of the accident, and was ready to go on line again. I can accept that the confusion, need for extra personnel, etc. warranted its being left shut down temporarily, but it is inexcusable that the plant did not go on line as soon as things were under control in Unit 2. I feel that this lack of decisive leadership has contributed to the general public's fear and misunderstanding of nuclear energy, with the result that our country may soon fall behind the rest of the world in the use and expansion of this energy source.

If you expedite the restart hearings with strong, no-nonsense leadership, we will all benefit in at least two ways: TMI-1 will be properly utilized as the valuable resource that it is, and the nation will see that its governing agencies recognize the value of nuclear technology. Without a proper national policy on nuclear energy, for which the NRC, in this case, will set precedents, the U.S. will find itself unable to catch up to the rest of the world in a few years. My children deserve to grow up with a clean, dependable energy, which nuclear power can provide, and the essential first step to get us back on the right track is the restart of Unit One.

Sincerely,
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