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Mr. John F. Ahearne  
Chairman Commissioner  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Commissioner Ahearne:

Subject: Docket 50-289SP  
TMI Unit 1, Middletown, Pennsylvania

I am writing to you to express my views of the delay in starting up TMI-1 and getting on with the clean up and recovery of TMI-2. It is now 20 months since the accident, and both the restart and recovery efforts are taking altogether too long as a result of unnecessary regulation.

I see no reason why Unit 1 cannot be restarted while your hearings continue and in this manner, lower energy costs for the rate payers as well as provide investors, of which I am one, a chance to recuperate some of their losses. Finally, it seems to me that both the NRC and the Pennsylvania/New Jersey PUC have expropriated the company's property at TMI, and the shareholders no longer have control over their investment. I also feel that Met-Ed and GPU have had to contend with negligent regulation on the part of the NRC. It is just inconceivable to me that your agency would not have told all utilities that purchased B & W reactors and attendant hardware about the Davis-Besse accident. Utilities with nuclear plants depend almost entirely upon the NRC for this kind of input.

It is my sincere hope that the new administration will take up, once again, as one of their first orders of business, a more enlightened view of this country's energy problem and find a way in which nuclear power can make the contribution which is so badly needed.

Very truly yours,

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