

We are writing, as instructed in your 3/6/81 memo, for scheduling of an appointment under the only format apparently being offered now. # is 236-0080. Will appear 3-25-81 at 5 pm.

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Ivan Smith, Chairman
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board: TMI Unit 1 Restart
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Chairman Smith:

We thank the Board members for scheduling a special evening session on Thursday, March 5th, to afford southcentral Pennsylvania residents whose daily work-hours preclude attending the daytime hearings on TMI-1 Restart to present their concerns to you in person.

As you have seen, interest and response was high -- probably moreso than you estimated when scheduling only one evening for testimony. In the three-hour period allotted, if each speaker was kept to a maximum five-minute presentation -- a limitation that has never been successfully enforced in past ASLB hearings -- then an absolute maximum of only 34 witnesses could have appeared (allowing for one 10-minute recess). In fact, the number who appeared was considerably less; and many more -- we were number 52 on the list to address you -- remained to be heard.

It is crucial for your Board's fullest understanding and wisest decision regarding restart of TMI-1 that these citizens be given their right to present their concerns -- pro or con regarding Unit 1 -- face-to-face before the Board, for appreciation of the intensity of residents' concerns about TMI-1 Restart cannot be adequately raised nor sensed through the emotionless nature of written statements.

Therefore it is imperative within the charge given th's Board that another evening opportunity for public testimony on an intimate and personal basis be scheduled soon, allowing the many interested and concerned individuals who could not address you on March 5th to do so.

We look forward to your immediate and favorable attention to this request, and to sharing personal revelations about TMI as they directly pertain to operation and public safety at Unit 1.

Remaining

Most sincerely yours,

Larry E. Arnold.
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- cc: Rep. Bruce Smith
- Rep. Jeffrey Piccola
- U.S. Rep. Allen Ertel
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- U.S. Sen. John Heinz III
- U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter
- Gov. Richard Thornburgh
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