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Mr. John F. Ahearne  
Chairman Commissioner  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 2055

Dear Sir:

DOCKET 50-289SP TMI - Unit 1 Middletown, PA.

I am writing to you about the tragedy at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant in Pennsylvania. No, I do not mean the accident or it's ongoing cleanup. I refer to the tragedy of the Three Mile Island I Unit which has been forced to sit idly by since the other unit's accident, penalizing both the utility and it's user customers.

Certainly, by now, with the knowledge gained as a result of the exhaustive and microscopic examination of the scenario of the accident, No.I Unit should have been allowed to re-start.

The penalties of not re-starting Unit I are not solely economic, to New Jersey and Pennsylvania residents as you know, but have a measurable adverse public health effect (replacement fuels) and even potentially catastrophic international implications thru the unnecessary additional use of oil which comes from an area of the world identified as "strategic" by our President and which could be the tinder box of another world conflict. Before World War II Oil (among other things) was "strategic" enough to drive both Germany (in the Balkans) and Japan (Indonesia) to warlike posture. Nuclear power is no longer an option for our nation, it is necessary.

Courageous actions must be taken by regulators which will allow us to use this energy "ace in the hole". Public opinion and media coverage will improve as the already excellent comparative record of nuclear plants further improves and becomes common knowledge.

Please take whatever steps are necessary to re-start TMI I.

Sincerely yours,

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