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James F. Ahearne - Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in referenceto Docket 50-289SP concerning Three Mile Island Unit #1 of Middletown, Pa,

It is a fact that Three Mile Island Unit 1, now closed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, was not involved or damaged in the accident at TMI Unit 2 in March of 1979. Moreover, a poll taken last spring in cities near TMI indicated that in excess of 58% of the residents favored restarting the undamaged reactor.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government has decided to stop the operation of TMI- 1, the undamaged unit, during modification. Yet similar nuclear plants elsewhere are operating while being modified.

Since the incident, the U.S. electric power industry has responded quickly and forcefully to correct inadequacies indicated by the accident. Those corrections have been and are now being made at the undamaged unit. As a result, this unit, like plants elsewhere, is even safer than it was before it closed for routine inspection and refueling way back in 1979.

The government's decision to keep undamaged Unit 1 closed, is not only discriminatory and irrational but totally unjustified as well.

Moreover, it is costing MetroloPitan Edison and its customers nearly \$500,000. a day ! That is, \$500,000. daily to purchase more expensive coal and oil instead of uranium for use as fuel

Let's get Three Mile Unit 1 back in operation !

Very truly yours,

(Mrs) Evelyn M. Mueller



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