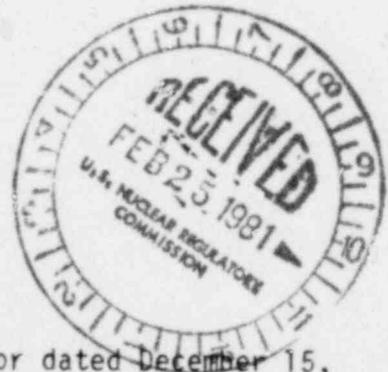


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Mr. H. C. Randolph, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Randolph:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the editor dated December 15, 1980.

Although a direct response to the points raised in your letter is not possible until we have had an opportunity to review Philadelphia Electric's Final Safety Analysis Report and its final report on the risk study, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information that may be useful to you.

Philadelphia Electric has not yet applied for its operating license for the Limerick Generating Station. Currently, it is expected that the application will be submitted in March 1981. Initially, the NRC staff and its consultants will review the application to determine whether or not it is sufficiently complete to permit initiation of our detailed safety and environmental reviews. This initial review takes 30 to 60 days. If the application is determined to be sufficiently complete, a notice will be placed in the Federal Register providing an opportunity for persons whose interest is affected to request that a hearing be held in this matter and to petition for leave to intervene in such hearing. It is unlikely that this Notice will be published before mid-May 1981. I would also like to point out that the staff review and public hearing process takes in excess of 24 months. During this extended period of time you and others will be given an opportunity to make your thoughts known to the Board.

In your letter you mention electric rates. The NRC does not establish these rates. Of necessity, we rely on the actions of the various state public utility commission proceedings with regard to rates and in most cases with regard to need for a facility. We have followed the activities of Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission in the past and will continue to do so as we undertake the review of Limerick.

There is no question that Limerick is located near heavily populated areas. This fact, in large part, contributed to our request that Philadelphia Electric perform the risk study that led to the December 9 meeting in Pottstown. The results of that study will be carefully reviewed by the staff and taken into consideration in any future staff recommendation.

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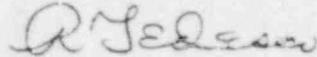
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We will retain a copy of your letter in our active files, along with others that we have received, and refer to it again during the course of our future review.

Thank you for your interest in the Limerick Generating Station.

Sincerely,



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December 15, 1980

To the Editor,

The newspapers report on the Philadelphia Electric meeting with the Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Pottstown on December 9, 1980 regarding the Limerick Nuclear plant was most interesting.

Mr. V. S. Boyer's, Senior Vice President, remarks that the plants' probability of having a casualty rate of 100 persons is one in 200,000,000 years is not only irresponsible but completely ludicrous. How can he make such a hair brained statement no matter what the computer says? Man, in his present form, hasn't been on the earth for 500,000 years, let alone 200,000,000 years. Of course Mr. Boyer has to make statements that conform to his employer's thoughts. If they didn't he would be out of a job.

If the top Philadelphia Electric management feels the Limerick operation poses no risk to people, why don't they, to stop public fears, all move their families, lock stock and barrel, to the area right around the plant. There are some lovely spots where they could live.

The quoting from clairvoyants and tea leaf readers is pure hog wash. Management of PE will say anything to please their shareholders and hoodwink the public. They should look at Jimmy Carter and learn that you cannot fool the American people all the time.

Rather than trying to make more power why don't they and their industry mount a national campaign on how to conserve the use of energy. And why do they have different rates for different users? All rates should be the same rather than giving heavy users a lower rate than the little guy. He's the one who will get hurt by Limerick and not the fat cats!

The Limerick Nuclear Plant should not be where it is, namely a heavily populated area. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Washington should revoke the license and the plant should be converted to coal.

Sincerely Yours,

H. C. Randolph Sr.

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