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TMI - Unit 1
Middletown, PA

Dear Mr. Ahearne,

It is my understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is still considering whether the Three Mile Island Unit 1 should be restarted. I would like to add my voice to those of the residents of the area who urge you to have the unit restarted as soon as possible.

I believe the reasons for starting up TMI-1 are overwhelmingly in favor. 1) The unit was not affected directly by the accident. 2) Modifications have been made to correct deficiencies and incorporate Post-TMI changes so that this plant is comparable to others of its type which are operating. 3) I believe the psychological effect is better to restart the unit as soon as possible so that a degree of normalcy returns. As with other accidents a person may have, it is better to get them back in the normal condition as soon as possible so that the individual loses the fear of trying again. 4) Operators will need retraining again and again if they don't start the plant up soon. 5) The present situation is depriving the residents of the area of the cost savings resulting from the use of nuclear power. Unfortunately, GPU and Metropolitan Edison are in bad straits financially already. 6) Non-operation of TMI-1 also is depriving the United States of the equivalent fossil fuel which now is needed to generate substitute electrical power.

As a general comment, I would like to add that it is my strong conviction that the country needs nuclear power to minimize our oil requirements. Therefore, the NRC should recognize this need that nuclear power is a necessity of this country. It should be the role of the NRC to assure that the plants are operated safely, not to be an adversary of such a pro-nuclear policy. That is, the NRC should be part of the solution, not the problem.

Very truly yours,

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