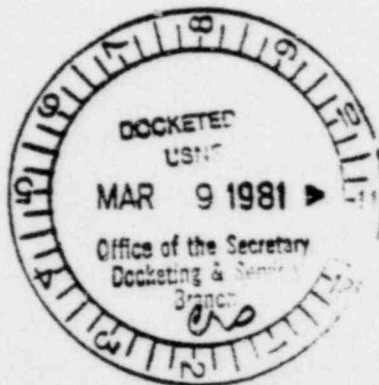




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Mr. Robert O. Burns, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Burns:

This is in response to your letter to Secretary Schweiker requesting Federal aid to expedite cleanup of the Susquehanna River following the Three Mile Island accident.

We share your concern about the potential risk to the Susquehanna River. However, it is our understanding that the present delay in cleanup operations is not due primarily to lack of funding but, rather, to the need by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop the safest methodology possible for such removal so that surrounding bodies of water will not be contaminated by the removal process.

You may wish to write to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, directly regarding the progress they are making in developing appropriate methodology. We are taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this important problem.

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Foege*  
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cc: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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