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Chairman Ivan Smith  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Sir:

You have certainly heard all the arguments concerning the proposed restart of Unit #1 at TMI by now. Met-Ed's glaring ineptitude has, I assume, not escaped your notice.

Therefore, I must conclude that the NRC's continued support of such a restart represents either callous disregard for the lives of the citizens of Central Pennsylvania or total naivete.

Do you really believe that evacuation plans constitute adequate assurance that we could survive another nuclear accident? If so, please answer the following questions for me and my family:

1. When does construction begin to erect the radiation-proof barrier along the circumference of the 20-mile limit which has been imposed? After all, we wouldn't want any of the citizens living at the 20.1, 22, 30, etc. mile mark to complain because they hadn't been evacuated, too.
2. Have you ever been in downtown Harrisburg at rush hour? If you have, you know there is absolutely no way an evacuation could be conducted on an orderly basis.
3. Have you ever seen thousands of people become totally immobilized by a few inches of snow? If you're depending on the PA. Dept. of Transportation to keep all our exit routes open; you are woefully ill-informed! Or, are nuclear accidents mandated to occur only during favorable weather conditions?
4. Do you really think that in a true emergency situation in which residents of the TMI area would be forced to leave quickly, that everyone could be informed in time? What about the aged, the physically handicapped, etc.? Where would the loyalty of emergency workers lie? - with the general citizenry or with their own families?

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Your support of the restart is based, I assume, on the naive belief that such an accident won't occur -- perhaps you are willing to take such a chance -- we citizens of TMI are living testimony that the possibility is all too real!

Sincerely,

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