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Sir:

Energy is expensive enough. I see no reason to prolong the startup of TMI-Unit 1 (NRC docket number 50-289SP). This reactor has been ready to produce electricity for a long time. Why is the startup taking so long?! Because this energy source is not being used, Metropolitan Edison must buy replacement power. The utilities that supply the replacement power use coal, nuclear, and oil. This power costs consumers millions of dollars a month. We are already paying too much for oil without increasing the demand because no one is taking the responsibility to start up TMI-1. The dormancy of the undamaged TMI-1 reactor does not fit in with what I have heard about energy policy. How could anyone let such a fertile energy source go unused?!

Please start up the undamaged TMI-1 reactor now! It was not damaged when the Unit 2 reactor experienced the accident. The two units were designed to operate independently. There is no reason to keep one reactor from operating because the other is damaged. The sooner TMI-1 can be restarted, the happier people who are concerned about energy resources will be. Thank you.

Truly yours,

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