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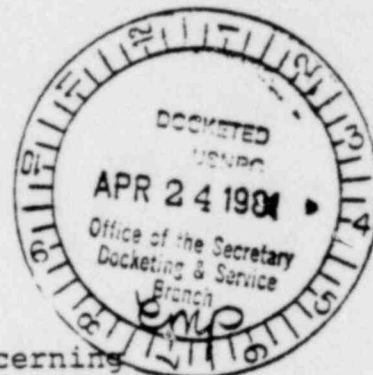
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Subject: Environmental Impact Appraisal Concerning
the Proposed Restart of Three Mile Island
Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Docket 50-289.

Dear Mr. Chilk:

On behalf of People Against Nuclear Energy (PANE), I am writing to note the inadequacy of the "Environmental Impact Appraisal by the Division of Engineering Evaluating the Proposed Restart of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Docket No. 50-289." Footnote 1 on page 2 states "The staff did not examine the psychological distress factor in its environmental review." For the reasons stated in PANE's brief of October 22, 1979 and its reply brief of November 7, 1979, which were filed with the Licensing Board in the restart proceeding, the Environmental Impact Appraisal does not comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. In the circumstances of this case, and given the extensive evidence of psychological stress caused by the accident at Unit 2, which will be exacerbated and made permanent by the restart of Unit 1, the NRC must consider psychological distress in the EIA.

I am providing this comment to you as the Secretary of the Commission since we find ourselves in the unusual situation of having had our NEPA Contention denied and having been dismissed from the restart proceeding before the EIA was actually issued. My purpose is to make it clear to the Commission that not only does PANE assert the validity of its psychological distress contentions as written, it also contends that Unit 1 may not be restarted in the absence of an Environmental Impact Statement that fully addresses psychological issues. However, since the underlying legal issues have already been thoroughly briefed and are the subject of PANE's petition for review before the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, I will not repeat PANE's argument in this comment.

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(Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 } (Restart)

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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