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PMS MR R VOLLMER DIRECTOR/TMI-2 SUPPORT RPT DLY MGM, WUX OR FONE
BEFORE 9AM

U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20555

THIS IS REGARDING THE THREE MILE ISLAND WATER STORAGE

WE HAVE REVIEWED MR ARNOLD'S OCTOBER 1 LETTER TO YOU ON THE WATER STORAGE AT THREE MILE ISLAND AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT MET ED IS IMPROPERLY TRYING TO PRESSURE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION INTO APPROVING THE USE OF EPICOR-II BEFORE THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS. THE LEAKAGE (WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED TO US) HAS EXISTED FOR 6 MONTHS. MET ED COULD HAVE BUILT ADDITIONAL SHIELDED STORAGE MONTHS

SF-1201 (PAGE) BUT DECIDED NOT TO DO SO. NOW MET ED CLAIMS VAGUE "UNACCEPTABLE

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RADIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES" USE OF EPICOR-II DOES NOT BEGIN HASTILY. WE STRONGLY URGE THE NRC NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY THIS AURA OF CRISIS CREATED BY MET ED TO COVER IT'S DESIRE TO USE EPICOR-II RATHER THAN STORE THE WATER WHICH IS ACCUMULATING. WE ARE SOMEWHAT REASSURED BY RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY YOU AND THE COMMISSION THAT THERE IS NO CRISIS AND THAT THE WATER CAN BE SAFELY STORED IN UNIT 1 OR OTHER TANKS. AS YOU KNOW WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE PROCESSING OF TMI WASTEWATER BEFORE A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF ALL PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

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Quests :

Meted Pressure NRC to approve EPICOR before
those NRC reviews

- met ed could have built more storage but
decided not to

- calls for full Environ. review of all projects +
disposal alternatives

Ans :

- Hist. of EPICOR-II, i.e., public comments
to be used only for any bldg.

- some info on in-leakage, mainly in
reacn. bldg. - not an EPICOR track