

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives


Washington, D.C.

May 18, 1981

Mr. Carlton Kammerer
Director, Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555
Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,


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April 1, 1981

The Honorable Allen E. Ertel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ertel,

Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to the NRC, in opposition to its proposed acceleration of the nuclear plant licensing process. It is vital that the opportunity for meaningful citizen participation be maintained.

Please help in any way you can.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Murphy

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Hummelstown, PA. 17036
April 1, 1981

Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

I have the following comments on the proposed changes to 10 CFR Part 2:

The proposed acceleration of licensing proceedings is contradictory to the spirit of fairness, the quality of the proceedings, and various parties' participation in such proceedings. It is commonly known that participants in many licensing hearings are volunteer groups with limited resources and people-power. To impose accelerated timetables would place an unfair burden on these participants.

Also, the NRC has invested millions of dollars in research, analyses of applications, and safety studies. The NRC staff possesses a wealth of knowledge at public expense. To deny formal discovery against the staff would deny participants their right to specific

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information. More importantly it would deny the opportunity to analyze the information as a whole, rather than piecemeal as the result of informal staff response to requests before and during hearings.

Lastly, to accelerate the process due ^{to} the possible completion of construction of some power plants prior to the completion of hearings is contradictory. The possible financial and management difficulties of applicants should have no bearing on NRE proceedings or decisions. As the Commission demonstrated recently in a decision on Three Mile Island, the applicant's financial dilemma is independent and not a cause for accelerating the restant of TMI-1.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Murphy