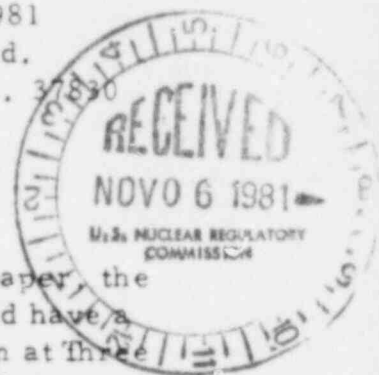


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Dear Rep. Ottinger: Re: Clean-up at Three Mile Island, Pa.

Last night in the Oak Ridger, our local newspaper, the enclosed article appeared. I was very upset to think that you would have a totally negative reaction to any effort to straighten out the situation at Three Mile Island. After two and a half years of delay by the NRC, regulatory agencies, and others it seems that some help should be given to get the utility industry back on its feet. Practically all activities in the nuclear generation have been so influenced that their costs have skyrocketed to a point where many of the projects that are under construction have become marginal or losing propositions before they are even completed.

Gov. Thornburg's suggestion that the Federal Government, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the nuclear generating utilities and General Public Utilities all share in getting this mess straightened out. That it be considered a learning experience and base revised regulation manuals on the experience gained in the accident to help prevent a repetition somewhere else.

Undoubtedly it is true that the Federal Budget does need to be cut, but this accident will not go away by itself and it is quite evident that GPU is not able to shoulder the total expense alone. The alternatives are bleak at best. Please help get the utility industry off dead center with this aid program!!!

I hope that you don't mind if I send copies of this letter to several people who I would also appreciate if they might help in this regard.

Yours truly,  
*Donald M. DeWitt*  
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- cc-Pres. Reagan
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- Wm. Kuhns, GPU
- James Edwards, Sect. DOE
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- Gov. Thornburg, Harrisburg, Pa.

### Would bail-out Three Mile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is proposing a "budget-busting bail-out of a privately owned utility" with its plan to contribute \$123 million toward the decontamination of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, says Rep. Richard Ottinger.

the damaged Pennsylvania facility. His panel has jurisdiction over the nation's energy policy.

The administration announced its plan last week to seek congressional approval for the clean-up funds. But Ottinger, in a letter over the weekend to Energy Secretary James Edwards, said he is "astonished and outraged" that the proposal is coming "while the president is calling upon the Congress to make further reductions in other programs."

The New York Democrat, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on energy conservation and power, is vowing to oppose spending the money for cleaning up

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