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The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Specter:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituent, George Herman, who is interested in evacuation plans for the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

Offsite emergency planning around a nuclear power plant is a State and local responsibility. At the federal level, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has the lead responsibility for assisting the States and local governments and for reviewing their emergency plans.

All NRC records relating to emergency planning for the Three Mile Island nuclear plant are available to the public at a local NRC Public Document Room, located at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Education Building, Commonwealth and Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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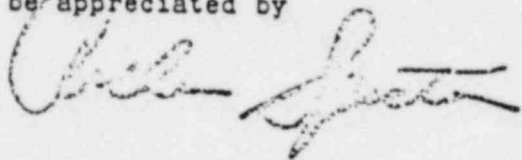
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Respectfully referred to:

Congressional Liaison
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by



Arlen Specter

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January 22, 1982

The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Dear Senator Specter:

On Thursday, January 21, 1982, the Senate Appropriations Committee postponed its hearing on the Three Mile Island Unit 2 cleanup funding in Harrisburg due to the weather conditions. (The TMI funding is tied in to the restart of Unit 1.)

It is not possible to postpone an emergency evacuation if we have another serious or catastrophic accident at Three Mile Island.

The extreme cold weather and icy road conditions existing lately would have made an evacuation impossible.

AAA in this area alone had thousands of emergency calls because of cars that would not start due to the weather. Service stations can list thousands of calls also.

Many other people had to wait days before their cars would start, and a lot of these cars were well maintained.

One school district could not start at least half of their busses. Those busses could not be used for emergency purposes.

Because of accidents caused by poor weather conditions, roads were blocked for long periods of time. (The volume of traffic was less than normal.)

Do not be a party to this farce. Tell the public the truth about evacuation in the event of a nuclear power plant accident!

Sincerely,

George A. Herman
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