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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

ATTENTION: Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As president of Friends & Family of T.M.I., I feel it necessary to write to you to express our views on the outcome of the recent referendum regarding the T.M.I. Unit #1 re-start.

We did not become actively involved in this "emotional" referendum, nor launch a massive campaign to secure votes, nor hold voter registration, nor walk door-to-door asking for votes. We did run several modest ads asking for the public support to vote "Yes", but we never felt this referendum question was based on anything other than emotion. We did not feel this referendum question would turn out a mass of voters, as past primaries were always poorly supported in our counties. They say this primary was a "history-maker" as far as lows go!

Evident to us is that out of 101,000 registered voters in Dauphin County, the total "No" votes for Dauphin County were 21,905. This does not even constitute a majority of the voters registered in the whole of Dauphin County!

There has been constant and continuous rhetoric

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regarding stress and how affected our area is regarding stressful feelings toward the re-start of T.M.I. #1.

If our decision-making process was based on stress as an issue in any industry, where would we be.

We look to the technical, safety, and beneficial aspects of any industry to provide us with a future. We still fully expect the N.R.C. to view this issue in the manner prescribed by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

What's interesting to note is that the County of Lebanon was more realistic with 6,113 "No" and 4,552 "Yes" votes cast. Lebanon County is a part of Metropolitan-Edison's Service Area, and Their votes had a direct effect on the consumers there. Dauphin and Cumberland Counties are almost totally under the service of P.P.&L., thus their "stake" in this referendum was practically "nil".

In closing, we do not feel that a total voting population of 17% of all eligible voters constitutes a majority of the people; nor should determine the fate of T. M. L. #1.

Please regard this referendum in the light in which it was conceived; based on emotion and rhetoric we have been subjected to long enough.

Review it carefully and proceed with the safety, technical, and factual aspects of this T.M.I. Unit#1 issue. We feel sure you will return this Unit to the useful service it was built to provide in the safest possible manner, for the majority of our area residents.

Very truly yours,

*Ed A. Peters, Pres.*