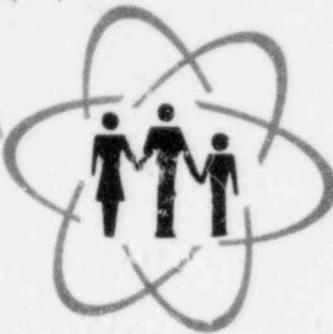


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Chairman Nunzio J. Palladino
J. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino,

As taxpayers and as citizens who are very interested in the future of energy in our country we are writing to express our sincere concern regarding the seemingly incessant delays in approving the restart of Three Mile Island, Unit I. As you are well aware, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) hearings required for the restart of TMI-I were unprecedented in the history of nuclear power. No other operating plant has ever had to undergo the close scrutiny and time-consuming hearing process that has been required of TMI-I. This is especially aggravating in view of the fact that TMI-I had one of the best safety and operating records of any nuclear plant in the country at the time of the TMI-2 acc.

We are especially concerned about the almost endless delays which seem to constantly impede the safe restart of Unit I. As you know Unit I had just completed refueling and was commencing a start-up at the time of the Unit 2 accident. Following the accident, Unit I was ordered by the NRC to remain shutdown until ASLB hearings were conducted. This shutdown order was issued in July of 1979. At that time it was assumed that the hearings would be started in an expeditious manner and completed in a timely fashion. This has not been the case! Because of our bureaucratic process the hearings did not even commence until October 1980!--more than a year and a half after the accident! Even more alarming is the fact that the Commissioners have still not acted upon the recommendations of the ASLB, even though the ASLB findings were supportive of restart in all respects except for the Special Master's report on the cheating incident (which we have concluded was biased, prejudiced and not based on the facts presented at the hearings). The restart hearings have been in progress for more than a year and a half. This is a completely unnecessary and unwarranted burden on the taxpayers of this country. The ASLB has determined that Unit I is safe for restart and that significant improvements both in management, technical modifications and emergency preparedness have been made. Our question is then: Why haven't the NRC Commissioners taken the bull by the horns and faced up to the issue to approve the restart of TMI-I?

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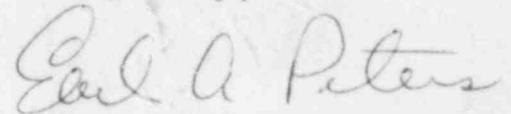
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In closing we would like to emphasize one point: The interveners in very small numbers have been successful in their delaying tactics for the restart of TMI-I. They have usually been represented at the ASLB hearings by five or less people, yet they have been successful even with such a small minority involved to continue the delaying tactics. We with Friends and Family believe we represent the informed people in Southeastern Pennsylvania who consider that Unit I is a leader in the advancement of safety in the nuclear industry. It is time that our government stopped permitting the actions of a very small ill-informed minority to impede the safe technological progress so necessary for our future growth.

We thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We ask you to consider the time and taxpayers dollars being spent on this issue and urge you to promptly approve the restart of TMI-I as recommended by the ASLB in their findings on all the major issues which received their thorough and comprehensive review during the exhaustive hearing process.

Sincerely,



Earl Peters
President