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Dear Commissioner ~~Bradford~~:

Last week we learned that Met. Ed. has plans to release Krypton from the plant. What is Krypton? What will it do to my children? Why does it have to be released here? Haven't we had enough? Am I supposed to believe that they will actually release it at the rate they say they will?

I believed, for example, that they wouldn't release any water into the Susquehanna without first testing it, and they did it anyway. Herman Dieckamp said, "If it's necessary to convince the public, I'll drink a glass of it before it goes into the river." (York Daily Record, June 19, 1979) So far I haven't heard any reports of his being on site <sup>untested</sup> tipping a sample of the recently released 4,000 gallons. Have you?

How could that dumping possibly have happened anyway? We knew about it two days before it was on the news. Was the NRC aware of it? I realize you stopped them from dumping any more, but what about the 4,000 gallons already in the river? Should we feel safe eating local meat and drinking the water?

But here is what really "gets my goat." Are they going to be fined or penalized in any way whatsoever? I'll bet not. They have already subjected us to one outrage after another and they just keep getting away with it. What are they going to have to do before somebody stops them?

Should I take my children away from Middletown when the clean-up of Unit II begins? DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING? If we were to answer that question based on past performance, I do not like to think about it. How many times are

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we going to inadvertantly find out about "minor errors" after they have happened?

This brings to mind the question of all of the accidental dosage of radiation that we have already received from Met. Ed. Nobody seems to understand this nor are we ever able to get a clear explanation anywhere. Could you please explain to me in layman's terms about the amounts of reported dosage and their cumulative effect? For example, this Krypton that they're talking about releasing is going to (supposedly) be emitted at a rate of "one millirem per day" and some of the readings at the time of the accident were 100 millirems per hour. Doesn't that mean that in two day's time one would in fact receive two millirems of Krypton or in two hour's time, 200 millirems of whatever? I really hope you can clarify this for me.

On the brighter side. Finally. In last Sunday's Patriot (July 28) there appeared an article about the NRC. In the text mention was made of you and Commissioners Gilinsky and Ahearne and your stance on keeping the plant closed atleast until such time as the hearings are completed. In the midst of all of the post-accident turmoil which constantly surrounds us, it sometimes seems as if the proverbial deck is stacked against us. It is more comforting than you can imagine that somebody is considering our well-being. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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