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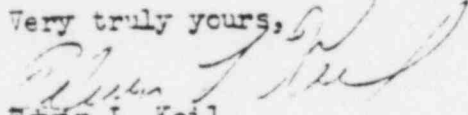
Dear Mr. Ahearne

It has come to my attention that after almost two years after the accident at Three Mile Island involving Unit #2 that Unit #1 which was neither damaged or involved in the accident remains shutdown. If TMI-1 has been modified and any deficiencies corrected, why has it taken so long to bring this vitally needed unit back into productive use?

Our country is in dire need of more and inexpensive power and this very long wait to bring back a good modified and safe unit seems rather not to make good judgement on all areas involved in making such a judgement. Costs to consumers are escalating every day you wait to OK this unit for service. It is important that your agency protects the nation through assuring that safety of nuclear energy be high on your priorities but it should not be the only priority. Your agency exists also to expedite this needed and inexpensive energy under proper safe policies or we should have done away with the agency a long time ago and eliminated nuclear systems from our energy alternatives completely. My point is, let's have a proper balance of judgement in the decisions that have to materialize from your Commission. The consuming people of the USA need as much positive thinking, elimination of red tape and a ~~decrease in these long delays in getting anything nuclear expedited as we~~ decrease in these long delays in getting anything nuclear expedited as we feel is being concentrated on the delaying tactics of far too many officials in highly decisive and controlling positions.

I, for one, think the NRC has delayed reopening on Unit 1 at TMI for far too long and I encourage your utmost speed in expediting whatever "red tape" governmental roadblocks still must be overcome to allow this vitally needed reactor to be restarted and thus become useful and beneficial to society. I appreciate your taking the time to read my concerns and they are real concerns. Your Commission, of which you are the head and therefore the leader, has waited far too long in regard to TMI-1. Please help speed up its restart without further delay.

Very truly yours,


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