

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Mr. Robert Gary The Pennsylvania Institute for Clean Air 2211 Washington Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Gary:

Your letter of May 9, 1994, to Chairman Selin has been referred to this office for response. The letter Chairman Selin sent to you on May 6, 1994, explains why the Commission had decided not to take formal review of Director's Decision DD-94-03. It would, therefore, not be productive to revisit the details and rationale for that decision at this time. I wish to assure you that, contrary to your statement that your petition has not been taken seriously, the issues you raised in your petition were considered by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and other involved agencies. Your letter of May 9 provides no information or argument that was not already supplied and considered before the Director's Decision was issued. Your letter, therefore, provides no basis for the NRC staff to reconsider the Director's Decision.

I would make a few remarks regarding the state of emergency planning in the vicinity of the Three Mile Island (TMI) Nuclear Generating Station. Your 10 CFR 2.206 petition of July 10, 1992, regarding deficiencies in the Dauphin County Emergency Plan, resulted in the principal organizations involved in emergency planning in the Harrisburg area taking a closer look at a number of issues, including transportation agreements and phone lists. The resultant reviews have hopefully provided added confidence in emergency preparedness to the citizens of that area. I believe that emergency planning in the Harrisburg area has been carefully scrutinized during the past 15 years as a result of the 1979 accident at TMI, Unit 2. As you know, the accident resulted in a number of new NRC requirements with regard to emergency planning, not only for TMI but for all nuclear power plants in the United States. One process that assures continuing adequacy of emergency planning in the area surrounding TMI is the biennial full-participation exercise. During these exercises, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) evaluates the TMI offsite emergency plans (State, county, and municipalities). During the last full-participation exercise at TMI in May 1993, FEMA did not identify any deficiencies in the implementaion of those plans.

With regard to emergency planning by the City of Harrisburg, Mayor Stephen R. Reed acknowledged in a letter to you dated February 8, 1993, that the City of Harrisburg does have an evacuation plan. His letter also stated that city officials have sufficient identified resources in the plan to evacuate portions of the city outside the emergency planning zone and have demonstrated limited mobilization of transportation resources during city-conducted exercises.

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We continue to conclude that the state of emergency planning in the Harrisburg area, in particular, as well as in other municipalities in the vicinity of TMI, offers reasonable assurance that the public will be adequately protected in the unlikely event of a radiological emergency at TMI, and that effective ongoing review provisions are in place to keep this planning at an acceptable level.

Sincerely,

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