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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold Denton, Director, NRR
 FROM: Karl Abraham, Public Affairs Officer, Region I
 SUBJECT: 10 CFR 2.208 PETITION FROM ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP
 REPRESENTING YORK (ANCRY)

On August 17, 1979, I received a telephone call from Mr. John Bowers (Area Code 717/755-1561) who said that his organization (ANCRY) had sent to the NRC Docketing and Service Branch a petition under 10 CFR 2.208 to request prevention of the discharge of radioactive gases from the TMI-2 Containment. On the basis of this week's news media reports that Met Ed officials said that they planned to do this venting soon, Mr. Bowers asked me to give him binding assurance that gases would not be allowed to be vented until the NRC had ruled on his group's petition, which was mailed to the NRC on or about August 8 or 9.

I told Mr. Bowers it was my understanding that the containment gases would not be vented until NRR gave permission, but that I could not on the telephone unilaterally intrude myself into the 10 CFR 2.208 process and give him assurances about the fate of his petition or its requested relief. I asked Mr. Bowers to write, stating his concern that the venting may take place before his petition has been ruled on. He said he would do so, but felt the matter was so urgent that I should call it to your personal attention, which is the reason for this memo.

Karl Abraham

Karl Abraham
 Public Affairs Officer

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