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Secretary U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Sir:

I write regarding the recent Federal Register announcement that the N.R.C. finds that the license amendment permitting TMI-1 to operate following the steam tube repairs constitutes "no significant hazard." As a result of that finding, the N.R.C. would not be holding public hearings on this repair process. I am opposed to this finding and request that the public hearings be held in the Middletown area.

The repair process used at TMI-1 has never before been used in a nuclear plant the size of Unit 1. Failure of this previously unproven method could, in fact, constitute a very serious hazard to the public surrounding TMI. If serious leaks developed from the primary to the secondary side in the steam generators, the result could be significant releases of radiation to the environment. For that reason, I find the N.R.C.'s conclusion of "no significant hazard" to be wrong.

As you may know, U. S. Senator John Heinz (PA) recently urged the N.R.C. to hold hearings on the steam tube repairs for the same reasons which I cite. I urge that you comply with these requests and hold public hearings in the Middletown area to inform the public about the method of repair used and the precedent for using the method, as well as the expected longevity of the repair process based on the past experience with the process.

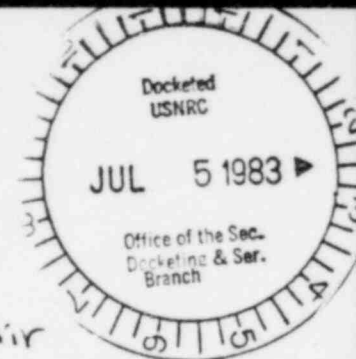
Respectfully,

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cc: Sen. John Heinz
Sen. Arlen Specter
Cong. George Gekas

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Dear NRC,

I believe a hearing should be conducted on the repair
+ alleged performance of steam tubes at TMI #1.

Has an analysis been completed and operators informed
regarding actions necessary if a LOCA occurs?

If appropriate analysis should indicate that the repair technique
may be effective for only 2 or 3 years, the NRC will have done
a great dis-service to area rate payers, if a hearing is not held
and all facts brought forth and analyzed.

Certainly one of the methods to help mitigate concerns of
area residents regarding operation of TMI #1 would be to hold
a full hearing on the repairs + their future reliability.

A hearing is essential.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Heinz
Senator Simpson
Senator Baker
Senator Baucus

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