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Mashington, B.C.

April 9, 1984
Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555
Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Robert S. Walker, M. C. 16th District of Pa.

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Beaver Run, R.D.#1 Glenmoore, PA 19343 March 16, 1984

RE: Limerick Nuclear

Power Plant

Representative Robert Walker Lancaster County Court House 50 N. Duke St. Lancaster, PA 17602

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Dear Representative Walker:

Ever since the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island I have been of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of the surrounding population if the nuclear plant at Limerick would never open. There have been first in my mind the safety factors - the exposure of thousands of people in this densely populated area to continual low-levels of radiation and also the nightmare of a large-scale nuclear accident due to technological or human errors. Second in my mind are the economic factors the ever-rising costs of this plant (which has only a projected life of 20-25 years) which are being continually passed on to consumers, sometimes with questionable legal authority. (I refer most recently to the PUC's November 22, 1983, decision to incorporate the price of future fuel into the current rates).

In spite of my concern and activity as well as that of thousands of others on this issue the construction of this plant continues.

Locally, I have become involved in my township (E. Nantmeal) in the emergency planning in case of an accident necessitating evacuation. On October 27, 1983, a public meeting was held to discuss these plans, with the chairman of our township supervisors presiding. The meeting was well attended by 35-40 residents who were all of one accord: skepticism in the possibility of such plans to actually be effective and a feeling that the best way to insure safety is to keep the plant closed. Many pertinent questions raised by residents could not be answered by either the township supervisor, the township emergency planner, the representative from Energy Consultants, or the assistant director of the Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services. Although some mention was made of taking up these concerns later, no one seemed to be taking notes or able to offer settings for such problem-solving.

The latest is the allegedly illegal erection of warning sirens throughout the township (and through the county). Such procedures now give rise to doubts as to how the plant will be run later. The recent criminal charges against the operator of TMI are very fresh in our minds.

I am writing to ask your assistance in these matters and initiate a dialog to ascertain and implement what can be done.

Bernard Wolf