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Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director, Congressional Affairs
Office of Government and
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

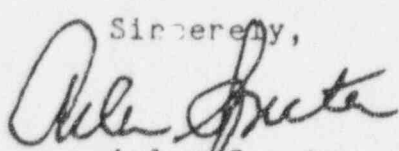
Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Ned G. Russo, of [redacted]. The information contained herein was provided to me by the Mr. Russo.

Mr. Russo is concerned about the possibility of the presence of radioactive water at Three Mile Island. Enclosed are materials provided to me by Mr. Russo.

Please accord this case all due consideration. I would appreciate it if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would respond to Mr. Russo directly and forward a copy of the response to the attention of Susan Becker of my staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

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TMI will begin evaporating water left from '79 accident

Three Mile Island's Unit 2 nuclear plant, site of the worst commercial nuclear accident in the United States, will begin tomorrow to evaporate 2.3 million gallons of slightly radioactive water left over from the March 1979 accident and the cleanup.

The evaporation was scheduled to begin in September but was delayed so state officials could review a Columbia University health study, released Aug. 31, on the link between the accident and the incidence of cancer in the area.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, in a letter to plant operator GPU Nuclear Corp., said the state found no reason to continue delaying the evaporation process. The DER and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission earlier had concluded that the two-year process would not pose a threat to public health or the environment. The water is being stored in large tanks at the plant.

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