

AUG 16 1984

Ms. Linda S. H. Vance
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Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543

Dear Ms. Vance:

By letter dated June 29, 1984, you expressed some concerns to Pennsylvania State Senator Wenger regarding the scope of the Three Mile Island, Unit 1 (TMI-1) restart proceedings. State Senator Wenger forwarded your letter to me for reply. Your concerns arise from The Inquirer's statement that the Commission spent "virtually no time" discussing three specific issues during its closed-door meetings. However, two of the issues cited, emergency planning and plant hardware, were extensively addressed by the parties to the TMI-1 restart proceeding and carefully deliberated by the Atomic Safety & Licensing Board, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board, and the Commission. Over the period of December 1981 through July 1984, those bodies have all issued decisions on emergency planning and plant hardware that are generally favorable to restart.

It is important to note that The Inquirer's article appears to address only the transcripts from closed-door Commission meetings and does not appear to reflect transcripts from the many public Commission meetings on TMI-1 restart.

The scope of the restart proceeding was designed to include those issues which were the bases for the Commission's immediately effective suspension of the TMI-1 operating license following the accident at TMI-2. To this end, the restart proceeding issues include, among other things:

- (1) the adequacy of operator training and licensing,
- (2) the adequacy of plant operating, maintenance, and administrative procedures,
- (3) management competence and integrity, and
- (4) whether there is adequate unit separation so that the TMI-2 cleanup will not adversely impact TMI-1 operation, and vice versa.

The issue raised by The Inquirer of whether there is a need for the electricity that would be generated by TMI-1 is not relevant to the restart issues and has not, therefore, been considered in the restart proceeding.

I trust this letter adequately responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: Pennsylvania State
Senator Wenger

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