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June 24, 1983

Nunzio J. Palladino, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Matomic Building
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

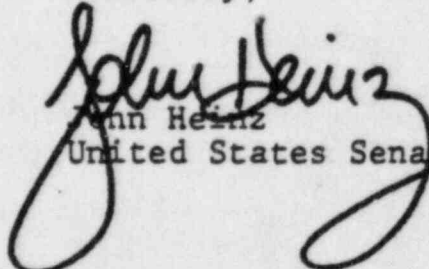
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission presently has under consideration a proposal by General Public Utilities to restart its Three Mile Island Unit 1. I urge the Commission to postpone a decision on restarting this plant until a formal public hearing has been held concerning the heretofore untested repair procedures that were used to reseal the leaking tubes in the steam generator.

While obvious economic benefits would accrue to GPU and its ratepayers should TMI-1 be reactivated, financial concerns must be considered only after all of the outstanding safety questions are resolved.

This repair procedure, to my mind, is one of the unresolved safety issues. I am concerned that the finding of the NRC staff that "no significant hazard consideration" exists is highly questionable, and I urge the Commission to reconsider this conclusion. Additionally, and regardless of whether the "no significant hazard consideration" finding stands, I urge the Commission to postpone any decision as to restart of TMI-1 until after the NRC conducts an appropriate public hearing.

The people who live in the shadow of Three Mile Island deserve a timely and thorough public hearing and quick resolution of all of the safety questions involved before any decision regarding the restart of this nuclear plant is made.

Sincerely,


John Heinz
United States Senator

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IN RESPONSE, PLEASE REFER TO: M830325

April 4, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION/DISCUSSION AND VOTE, 4:45 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1983, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

SECY-83-16B - Revised Regulations to Implement Legislation on (1) Temporary Operating Licensing Authority and (2) No Significant Hazards Consideration (the "Sholly Amendment") - SECY-83-16 and 83-16A

The Commission* discussed the proposed and interim final regulations implementing legislation which authorizes NRC to issue (1) temporary operating licenses and (2) requested operating license amendments involving no significant hazards considerations before the conduct of any hearing.

The Commission agreed to reschedule this item for affirmation at a later date.

(Subsequently, this item was affirmed at a Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 1983.)

- cc: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Ahearne
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Commission Staff Offices
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* Commissioner Roberts was not present.

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